

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

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,  
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,  
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 5307 of 2021**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Mohinder Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 20.07.2021. First appeal is dated 21.08.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.11.2021.

Sh. Mohinder Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 70834 dated 25.03.2022 through registered post and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information is taken on record.

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

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the above-mentioned information (sent through letter dated 25.03.2022) 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.

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

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 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 :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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P. S. :

The appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, appeared after the hearing of the instant appeal case was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Jagjit Singh  
Aman Nagar, Street – 03,  
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....Appellant

V/s

- (Regd. Post)
- Encl: RTI request
- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Assistant Town Planner,  
office of Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Zone - A, Ludhiana
  - ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chief Vigilance Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 5313 of 2021**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Rajeev Saggarr, Superintendent-cum-APIO of Vigilance Cell, for the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 12.08.2021. First appeal is dated 15.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.11.2021.

Sh. Rajeev Saggarr, Superintendent-cum-APIO of Vigilance Cell, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the RTI request of the appellant was transferred under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act to office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana vide letter no. 3299 dated 01.09.2021 and further it was to forwarded to office of Assistant Town Planner, Zone - A office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana under intimation to the appellant and copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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As the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Assistant Town Planner, Zone A office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, hence, Public Information Officer office of Assistant Town Planner, Zone A office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed 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' to clear the facts of this case.

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

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied) 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.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 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 :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Encl: RTI request

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**P. S. :**

The appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, appeared after the hearing of the instant appeal case was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.



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

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Municipal Town Planner,  
office of Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Zone - D, Ludhiana

Encl: RTI request

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

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5314 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell), for the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 13.08.2021. First appeal is dated 13.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.11.2021.

Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 6231 dated 11.02.2022 intimating him that the RTI request was forwarded to office of Municipal Town Planner, Zone D office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail dated 02.05.2022. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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As the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Municipal Town Planner, Zone D office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, hence, Public Information Officer office of Municipal Town Planner, Zone D office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed 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' to clear the facts of this case.

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

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied) 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.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 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 :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Encl: RTI request

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**P. S. :**

The appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, appeared after the hearing of the instant appeal case was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),  
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,  
Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

Encl:RTI request

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,  
Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5399 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Mohinder Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 09.06.2021. First appeal is dated 20.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.11.2021.

Sh. Mohinder Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that available information at point no. 1 (a) (b), 02 and 03 of the RTI request has already been supplied to the appellant and part information at point no. 1(c) (d) (e) relates with office of Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar and for part information RTI request of the appellant has been transferred to that office under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act and a reply vide letter no. 106167 dated 04.05.2022 has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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As part information demanded by the appellant at point no. 1(c) (d) (e) of the RTI request relates with office of Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar, hence, Public Information Officer office of Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the information at point no. 1(c) (d) (e) of the RTI request to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

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

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied) 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.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 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 :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Encl: RTI request

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**P. S. :**

The appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, appeared after the hearing of the instant appeal case was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Tejinder Singh, Advocate,  
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,  
Backside Sanjh Kender,  
Phillaur - 144410 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 5367 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, 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 25.05.2021. First appeal is dated 18.10.2021. Second received in the Commission on 29.11.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, 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.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 333 dated 17.02.2022 signed by PIO-cum-Superintendent, LG – 1 Branch, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 4678 dated 07.03.2022, has intimated the Commission that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 1381 dated 12.11.2021, intimating that the complaint, on which the action taken is demanded through RTI request, is not received in the office and requested him to send a copy of the complaint so that the required information could be supplied. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to send the required document i.e. the complaint sent by him, to the respondent PIO of the concerned branch i. e. LG - 1 Branch, well in time so that the required information could be supplied.

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An 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 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 .

**A copy of this order be sent to Superintendent-cum-PIO, LG – 1 Branch for intimation.**

The case is **adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (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 :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

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

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CC :

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
(LG – 1 Branch),  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh



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

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Sunam, Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab)

Encl:RTI request

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5375 of 2021

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

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 19.07.2021. First appeal is dated 26.08.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 01.11.2021.  
The appellant, Sh. Brish Bhan is not present in today's hearing.  
Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present. 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 appellant even after a period of eight months. 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 PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Sunam, 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.

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 with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and 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. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date.

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (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 :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Encl:RTI request

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Dharam Pal S/o Sh. Ram CHand,  
H. No. B-1/709,  
Panchayati Mandir Wali Gali,  
Barnala - 148101(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Encl:RTI request Nagar Council, Barnala(Punjab)

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 5397 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Dharam Pal, 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 15.07.2021. First appeal is dated 27.08.2021. Second  
appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.11.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Dharam Pal, 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. 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 appellant even after a period of eight months. 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 PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Barnala, 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.

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 with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received  
the information and 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. He is  
also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date.

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (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.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

Encl:RTI request

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Avtar Singh  
S/o Sh. Tirath Singh,  
Village – Mastiwal,  
P. O. – Garhdiwala,  
Tehsil - Dasuha - 144207,  
Distt. - Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,  
Sub Division – 02,  
Talwara, Distt. - Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 1300 of 2021**

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.  
Sh. Satpal Singh, S. D. O., on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 13.09.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 26.11.2021.

Sh. Satpal Singh, S. D. O., who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant vide letter no. 650 dated 25.04.2022 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 656 dated 25.04.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 9046 dated 02.05.2022. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Avtar Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to confirm whether he received the information (sent vide letter dated 25.04.2022) or not 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 and also send a copy of the same to the Commission. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or the case would be decided on merits

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (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 :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Balram  
S/o Sh. Ram Narain,  
V.P.O. – Dharampura,  
Tehsil – Abohar,  
Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply  
And Sewerage Board,  
Bathinda(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Engineer-in-Chief-  
cum-Technical Advisor,  
Punjab Water Supply and  
Sewerage Board,  
Plot No. 1-B, Sector 27-A,  
Chandigarh

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 5194 of 2021**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Rakesh Mehta, S. D. O., on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 09.03.2021. First appeal is dated 30.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.11.2021.

Sh. Rakesh Mehta, S. D. O., who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 233 dated 29.04.2022. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1389 dated 30.04.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Balram is not present in today's hearing, states that

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information (sent vide letter dated 29.04.2022) or not 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 and also send a copy of the same to the Commission. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or the case would be decided on merits

The case is adjourned to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 (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 :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Ms. Manjit Kaur,  
471-A, Akash Avenue,  
Fatehgarh Churian Road,  
Amritsar - 143001(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 5199 of 2021**

Present : Ms. Manjit Kaur, the appellant in person.  
i) Sh. Gurcharan Singh, PIO in person ;  
ii) Ms. Pushap lata, Senior Assistant, for the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 19.07.2021. First appeal is dated 04.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.11.2021.

The appellant, Ms. Manjit Kaur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to her by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Gurcharan Singh, PIO, who appeared in person with Ms. Pushap Lata, Senior Assistant, for the respondent, on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 02.05.2022 through registered post and an e-mail also and a reply has also been sent to the Commission. It, alongwith annexure with a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 02.05.2022 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether she has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to her, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

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

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be present with the information (already supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared .

The case is adjourned to 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Pritam Singh  
S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,  
Raipur Majra,  
Police Station – Kathgarh,  
Tehsil – Balachaur,  
Distt. - Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Balachaur,  
Distt. - Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Development  
and Panchayat Officer,  
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 4265 of 2021**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
i) Sh. Darshan Singh, B.D.P.O., Balachaur ;  
ii) Sh. Kuldip Singh, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 12.04.2021. First appeal is dated 19.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.09.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.01.2022 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present even after a cause notice was issued vide orders dated 16.11.2021 and not sent any document, showing that the required information is supplied to the appellant. For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer.
- iii) Last opportunity was 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.
- iv) An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and 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.

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

Sh. Darshan Singh, B.D.P.O., Balachaur, who appeared in person with Sh. Kuldip Singh, Panchayat Secretary, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information was sent to the appellant on 23.04.2022 through registered post, which was received back as 'undelivered' in the office.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the information (which has been supplied to the appellant) to the Commission and also send the required information again to the appellant through registered post alongwith a copy of postal receipt to the Commission.

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

Sh. Kuldip Singh, Panchayat Secretary, also made an oral-submission intimating that the then Panchayat Secretary was expired and he has taken over the charge of office-record after 31.01.2022 (after the last date of hearing), hence, information to be supplied is preparing and also requested to waive off the penalty, which was imposed vide orders dated 31.01.2022 as he has joined this office recently. He also intimates that he has also sent a written-submission, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 4864 dated 08.03.2022, intimating that the then Panchayat Secretary was expired and he has taken over the charge of office-record after 31.01.2022, with the request to waive off the penalty, which was imposed vide orders dated 31.01.2022. It is taken on record.

After considering the oral submission (made by Sh. Kuldip Singh, Panchayat Secretary during the proceeding of the instant appeal-case) and written submission sent by him (Sh. Kuldip Singh, Panchayat Secretary), it is found that the explanation given by him is genuine and facts of the instant appeal case deserve reconsideration in the interest of justice.

Since the respondent PIO (the then PIO) concerned has expired, the reasons given by Sh. Kuldip Singh, Panchayat Secretary (presently posted as Panchayat Secretary) is genuine and no malafide intention on his part in causing the delay in supplying the requisite information to the information seeker as well as appearing before the Commission, hence, penalty imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 31.01.2022 is waived off.

The case is adjourned to 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022 (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 :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

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P. S. :

The appellant, Sh. Pritam Singh, appeared in person in the office of the Commission, after the hearing of the instant appeal case was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands adjourned to 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.



Yogesh Mahajan  
S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,  
Opposite Water Tank,  
Municipal Market,  
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,  
Division – 02,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 3562 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, 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 05.05.2021. First appeal is dated 10.06.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.08.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.01.2022 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present even after a cause notice was issued vide orders dated 16.11.2021 and not sent any document, showing that the required information is supplied to the appellant. For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer.
- iii) Last opportunity was 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.
- iv) An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and 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.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and through a letter dated 12.03.2022, he has pointed out deficiencies to the concerned PIO.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has neither sent any intimation regarding his non-availability.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information 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.

After hearing the applicant and examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the orders dated 31.01.2022 passed by the Commission, through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 31.01.2022 passed by the Commission by depositing the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the appellant by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Ludhiana to ensure compliance of the above-announced order.

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 submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Ludhiana to ensure compliance of the above-announced order.

The case is adjourned to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 (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 :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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(Regd. Post)

The Superintending Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply  
and Sanitation Circle,  
Ludhiana ( Punjab)

Yogesh Mahajan  
S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,  
Opposite Water Tank,  
Municipal Market,  
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,  
Division – 02,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 3563 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, 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 05.05.2021. First appeal is dated 10.06.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.08.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.01.2022 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present even after a cause notice was issued vide orders dated 16.11.2021 and not sent any document, showing that the required information is supplied to the appellant. For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer.
- iii) Last opportunity was 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.
- iv) An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and 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.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, 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 neither sent any intimation regarding his non-availability.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information 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.

After hearing the applicant and examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the orders dated 31.01.2022 passed by the Commission, through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 31.01.2022 passed by the Commission by depositing the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the appellant by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Ludhiana to ensure compliance of the above-announced order.

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 submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Ludhiana to ensure compliance of the above-announced order.

The case is adjourned to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 (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 :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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The Superintending Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply  
and Sanitation Circle,  
Ludhiana ( Punjab)

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate  
8/237, Jagraon Road,  
Mandi Mullanpur,  
Distt. – Ludhiana -141101(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Mullanpur Dakha,  
Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Administrator,  
Greater Ludhiana Area  
Development Authority,  
(G.L.A.D.A.)  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Sub Divisional Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply  
and Sewerage Circle,  
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1070 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, 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 09.03.2020. First appeal is dated 18.03.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.02.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.03.2022 ;

- i) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 377 dated 23.02.2022 signed by Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, had intimated the Commission that the RTI request of the appellant was forwarded to PIO office of Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority Ludhiana with the directions to supply the required information to the appellant.
- ii) A copy of the order was sent to PIO office of Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority Ludhiana alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) As the RTI request filed by the appellant is addressed to PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, hence, Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha was directed to remain party in this case.
- iv) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, appeared in person in today's hearing.

None came present from office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha and office of Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority Ludhiana in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1277 dated 27.04.2022 signed by PIO-cum-Estate Officer, Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 9220 dated 04.05.2022, has intimated the Commission that a letter was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 1276 dated 27.04.2022 with the opportunity to visit the office on any working day in Room no. 412 – 413 third floor to get required documents. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO office of Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority Ludhiana on 08.06.2022 at 12:00 noon to collect the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant during his visit to the office on 08.06.2022 at 12:00 and supply the required information to the appellant 'free of cost' with a copy to the Commission

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

As the RTI request filed by the appellant is addressed to PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, hence, Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha would be remained party in this case and a copy of this order be also sent to PIO office of Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority Ludhiana with the directions to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 (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 :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Subash Chander  
Street – 02, New Luxmi Nagar,  
Kapurthala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
P.W. D. Office, Cantt. Road,  
Jalandhar Cantt., Jalandhar -144008 (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
P.W. D. Office, Cantt. Road,  
Jalandhar Cantt., Jalandhar -144008 (Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 1293 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Subash Chander the appellant in person with Advocate Pawan Kalia.  
Sh. Harjit Talwar, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard in the office of the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 30.12.2019. First appeal is dated 17.02.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.05.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 19.04.2022 ;

- i) Sh. Manu, Junior Engineer, stated that the information was already supplied to appellant.
- ii) Sh. Pawan Kalia (representative of the appellant) stated that incomplete information was given to him by the respondent PIO.
- iii) The concerned parties were directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date fixed before the bench of the undersigned

The appellant, Sh. Subash Chander, who appeared in person with Advocate Pawan Kalia, in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Harjit Talwar, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information at point no 01 has already been supplied to the appellant and information at point no. 02 is 'voluminous' in nature and the relevant official record has been brought in the Commission so that appellant could inspect the same.

The appellant has inspected the official-record during the hearing in the Commission and expresses his dis-satisfaction.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 06.05.2022 at 12:00 noon 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 06.05.2022 at 12:00 noon and to supply the required information to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) with a copy to the Commission.

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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 i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be present with the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :4<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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