

Jaskaran Singh
S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,
Village – Bahmaniwala,
Tehsil – Jalalabad,
Distt. – Fazilka – 152024 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairman,
Market Committee,

Encl : letter dated 18.06.2021 Jalalabad, Distt. – Fazilka(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Mandi Officer,
Fazilka(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1881 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jaskaran Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Baljinder Singh, Secretary, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 24.01.2020. First appeal is dated Nil. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.07.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.05.2021,

- i) Sh. Baljinder Singh Joint Secretary, stated that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant stated that incomplete information was given to him.
- iii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, to the appellant, by registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information 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. Baljinder Singh, Secretary, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, complete information has been supplied to the appellant

The appellant, Sh. Jaskaran Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him and through a letter dated 18.06.2021, he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information and the same has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13485 dated 21.06.2021.

Sh. Baljinder Singh, Secretary, states that no such (above-said) letter has been received in the office till date.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO today itself i. e. 04.08.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to hand over the letter, through which deficiencies have been pointed out, so that the same could be removed.

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

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 with a copy to the Commission. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post alongwith copy of letter dated 18.06.2021 through which deficiencies have been pointed out by the appellant.

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

The case is adjourned to 18th October, 2021 (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 : 4th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : letter dated 18.06.2021

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Jalour Singh
S/o Sh. Ralla Singh,
Sant Singh Sadique Road,
Kartar Nagar, Ward – 6,
Moga(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
Water Resources Department, Pb.,
Sector 18, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
Water Resources Department, Pb.,
Sector 18, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3019 of 2020

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 04.03.2020. First appeal is dated 01.06.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.10.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.05.2021,

- i) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1736-37 dated 12.03.2021 had intimated the Commission that the required information was given to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant through a letter dated 06.04.2021 had intimated the Commission that the information provided to him was not as per query raised by him through RTI request as he has demanded a copy of letter through which his(the appellant's) promotion was approved.
- iii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he 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.
- v) An opportunity was also given to both the parties (Appellant and Respondent) to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed for hearing.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Jalour Singh, is not present in today's hearing but through a letter dated 06.04.2021, he had intimated the Commission that the information provided to him is not as per query raised by him through RTI request as he has demanded a copy of letter through which his(the appellant's) promotion was approved. It is placed in the case-file.

After examining the case-file, it emerges that in the earlier hearings of this case, held on 08.03.2021 and 26.05.2021, the required information has been provided to the appellant replies by office of Executive Engineer, Water Drainage Construction Division, Ferozepur at Fazilka vide letter no. 1958 dated 14.09.2020 and letter no. 1504 dated 18.02.2021.

Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent to PIO office of Executive Engineer, Water Drainage Construction Division, Ferozepur at Fazilka 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, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings positively so that facts of this case could be cleared.

Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent through registered post to Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Punjab, Chandigarh, with the advice to ensure presence of the concerned PIO of his office to represent this case on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings positively so that facts of this case could be cleared.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings.

The case is adjourned to 18th October, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

- (Regd. Post) i) The Chief Engineer,
Water Resources Department, Pb.,
Sector 18, Chandigarh
- (Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer, Water
Drainage Construction Division,
Ferozepur at Fazilka(Punjab)

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Nirmal Singh(Retd. Naib Tehsildar),
H. No. 1100, Sector 69,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- (Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Khadoor Sahib,
Distt. - Tarn Taran(Punjab)
- (Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar (Punjab)
- (Regd. Post) iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Revenue Officer,
Amritsar (Punjab)

Encl : i) RTI request dated 06.06.2019
ii) First appeal dated 06.08.2019

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Khadoor Sahib,
Distt. - Tarn Taran(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1078 of 2020

Present : Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sanjeev Devgan, Sadar Kanungo O/o District Revenue Officer, Amritsar for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 06.06.2019. First appeal is dated 06.08.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.03.2020.

In the earlier hearing, held on 25.01.2021, Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate (representative of the appellant) stated that only copies of Service-Book has been given but no other documents regarding educational certificates etc. as demanded through RTI request is attached with it. And on the same day, Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk, stated that available information i. e. copy of service-book was given to the appellant . He also intimates the Commission that a reply, signed by Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib, was sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1230 dated 13.11.2020, intimating that available information i. e. copy of service-book has been given to the appellant and Sh. Kashmir Singh(regarding whom the information has been sought) was recruited through office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. Further a reply was received from office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar vide letter no. 1291 dated 13.11.2020, reporting that no personal file of Sh. Kashmir Singh(Retired) is available in the office record and on the hearing, held on 08.03.2021, the Public Information Officer-cum-Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib had sent a reply in the shape of an affidavit vide letter dated 18.02.2021, in compliance to the order dated 25.01.2021. As part of the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, hence, Public Information Officer office of office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, was impleaded as party in this case with the directions to, to file a reply, in writing, to the query/queries (whichever relates to office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar) raised by the appellant through his RTI request dated 06.06.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.05.2021,

- i) Neither the respondent PIOs concerned (office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar and Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib) nor any of their representative are present in today's hearing.
- ii) In compliance to the order dated 25.01.2021, the Public Information Officer-cum-Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib had already sent a reply in the shape of an affidavit vide letter dated 18.02.2021.

- iii) Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate (representative on behalf of the appellant), stated that no reply (in an affidavit) was received from the respondent.
- iv) The respondent PIO was directed to send the above-mentioned reply in an affidavit given vide letter dated 18.02.2021 to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- v) A copy of the reply (in an affidavit) dated 18.02.2021 was sent to the appellant alongwith the order through registered post.
- vi) The respondent PIOs concerned of office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar and office of Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib were also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this could be cleared.

Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Nirmal Singh, in today's hearing, states that he has not received any reply (in an affidavit) from Public Information Officer office of office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, till date.

Sh. Sanjeev Devgan, Sadar Kanungo, office of District Revenue Officer, Amritsar who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, in today's hearing, states that available information has already been given to the appellant. He also states that copy of first appeal of the appellant has not been received in the office and requested to provide first appeal of the appellant so that a proper reply could be given to him.

The appellant is advised to send a copy of first appeal to PIO office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/ District Revenue Officer, Amritsar so that reply could be filed by the respondent PIO.

Further directions are given to the Public Information Officer of office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/District Revenue Officer, Amritsar, either to supply required information to the appellant or send a written reply in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant through registered post, stating that the required information is not available in the official record or has gone missing, mentioning the reasons whether official record is missing or destroyed or whether any FIR has been lodged regarding missing record or copy of FIR (if the record is missing) or copy of Office-order (if destruction of record has been done) be sent. He is also directed to file the above-mentioned reply in an affidavit and send a copy of affidavit with a copy of postal receipt to the Commission positively by the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post alongwith RTI request dated 06.06.2019 and first appeal dated 06.08.2019 for reference.

The case is adjourned to 18th October, 2021 (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 through registered post.

Date : 4th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Parmod Kumar S/o Sh. Late Sh. Hem Raj,
H. No. 2650, Ward – 12,
Near Dussehha Ground,
Kharar, Distt. - Mohali(Punjab)

V/s

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre,
Phase -10, Sector 64,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre,
Phase -10, Sector 64,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1445 of 2020

Present : Sh. Parmod Kumar , 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 31.05.2017. First appeal is dated 11.07.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.06.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.05.2021,

- i) Ms. Kulwant Kaur, Superintendent-II-cum-APIO, stated that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 5683 dated 07.05.2021.
- ii) The appellant stated that the information given to him by the respondent PIO is not satisfactory, moreover, not as per queries raised by him through RTI request as he demanded proceedings for the period from 06.01.2017 to 12.01.2017.
- iii) The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 27.05.2021 to collect the required information.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information to the appellant during his visit to office on 27.05.2021.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the required information or not.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 7262 dated 01.06.2021 signed by Public Information Officer office of Labour Commissioner, Punjab, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 12769 dated 11.06.2021, has intimated the Commission that the appellant has visited the office on 27.05.2021 but refused to take the required information. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Parmod Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has visited the office of the respondent on the fixed date i. e. 27.05.2021 but the required information has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO. He also intimates the Commission that whatever information which has already been given to him is not signed by concerned officer/official of the respondent office.

As neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing to represent this case, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Labour Commissioner, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Last and final opportunity is given to respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings positively, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Labour Commissioner, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar with the advice to ensure presence of the concerned PIO of his office to represent this case on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings positively.

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

The case is adjourned to 18th October, 2021 (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 : 4th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post) The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre,
Phase -10, Sector 64,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

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Harish Chander,
Goyal Ayurvedic Store,
Chaina Bazaar,
Jaito, Distt. – Faridkot (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3089 of 2019

Present : Sh. Harish Chander, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 08.05.2019. First appeal is dated 08.07.2019. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.08.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.05.2021,

- i) Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, stated that in response to the RTI request, the required information was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 07.04.2021.
- ii) The appellant was not present and an opportunity was given to him to confirm whether he received the information 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. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the required information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 4873 dated 07.04.2021. The said letter is placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Harish Chand, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the respondent PIO has not provided him the information, demanded by him at point no. 01 of the RTI request.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 06.08.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to identify the required information

The time of inspection of relevant official record has been announced to both the parties in the open court and both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today .

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office so that information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection and send a copy of the same to the Commission.

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

The case is adjourned to 18th October, 2021 (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 : 4th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Rajesh Kumar ,
Ward No. 5, Near Hind Hospital,
Ahmedgarh, Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s

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

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 369 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rajesh Kumar, the complainant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 24.01.2019. The complaint has been received in the
Commission on 10.04.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.05.2021,

- i) The complainant stated that incomplete information was supplied to him by the respondent.
- ii) Last and final opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the complainant as per queries raised by him through RTI request. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or maintained in the official record or file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the complainant with a copy to the Commission
- iii) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The complainant, Sh. Rajesh Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that remaining information has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur to appear in person on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or action would be recommended against him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

A copy of this order be sent through registered post alongwith RTI request to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, with the advice to ensure presence of PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'

The case is adjourned to 18th October, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Harsharandip Singh,
173/9, Adarsh Nagar,
Dharamkot,
Distt. – Moga - 142042(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Technical Education and Industrial Training,
Punjab, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

...Respondent

Encl :reply dated 02.06.2021

Complaint Case No. 100 of 2020

Present : Sh. Harsharandip Singh, the complainant in person.
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 24.09.2018. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 23.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.05.2021,

- i) Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director-cum-PIO, sought an adjournment in this case so that the required information could be collected from the concerned branch.
- ii) Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned either to supply the required information to the complainant after collecting the same from the concerned branch or send a reply, in writing, to the complainant specifically mentioning the time period regarding which vigilance enquiry is pending, with a copy to the Commission .
- iii) The complainant was advised to confirm whether he has received the information/reply or not.

Sh. Jaswinder Singh, APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been given to the appellant time and again, intimating him that the requisite information could not be supplied as vigilance enquiry is pending in the instant appeal-case.

The complainant, Sh. Harsharandip Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has demanded final selection list, waiting list, offer letters to join the service etc. of Contract Bases Instructors, whose services were regularized on 01.04.2011 and above-said enquiry does not pertain to the period, regarding which the information has been sought by him. He further stated he directly asked from the office of Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar about the enquiry and a reply vide letter no. 429 dated 02.06.2021 has been received by him from Assistant Inspector General of Police office of Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar, intimating that regarding recruitment of Instructors in the year 2007, no enquiry is pending. It (reply given vide letter no. 429 dated 02.06.2021)

Heard the parties.

As the reply, earlier given by the respondent PIO, stating the requisite information could not be supplied as vigilance enquiry is pending in the instant appeal-case and the reply submitted by the complainant given by office of Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar vide letter no. 429 dated 02.06.2021, is totally contradictory. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO for giving wrong statement before the Commission.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director, Public Information Officer of office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The respondent PIO, who is Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director of office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, is directed to appear in person on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' alongwith present status report of the instant appeal-case or action would be recommended against him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. A copy of this order alongwith reply vide letter no. 429 dated 02.06.2021 be sent to him through registered post.

The case is adjourned to 18th October, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 4th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl :reply dated 02.06.2021

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Subash Chander,
Street No. 02, New Luxmi Nagar,
Kapurthala(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 564 of 2020

Present : Sh. Pawan Kalia, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Superintendent-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 13.08.2019. First appeal is dated 14.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.05.2021,

- i) Sh. Pawan Kalia, Advocate for the appellant, stated that misleading and contradictory information was given to the appellant and the appellant had pointed out deficiencies in the supplied information through a letter dated 21.04.2021.
- ii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 21.04.2021 to him.
- iii) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information.
- iv) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present, hence, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Officer, Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala, under provisions of the RTI Act.

Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, a point-wise reply has been given to the appellant vide letter no. 1480 dated 22.07.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1481 dated 22.07.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16624 dated 28.07.2021. It is taken on record.

Sh. Pawan Kalia, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Subash Chander in today's hearing, states that the respondent PIO has sent him the same reply as earlier supplied, which is misleading and contradictory.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 06.08.2021 at 02:00 P. M. to identify the required information

The time of inspection of relevant official record has been announced to both the parties in the open court and both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today .

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office so that information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.

Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Superintendent, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

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

The case is adjourned to 18th October, 2021 (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.

(Sanjiv Garg)

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