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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Rajesh Aggarwal S/o Sh. Ram Roop, Sunam,

Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Sunam,
Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab)
First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),

...Respondents

V/s

Appeal Case No. 4070 of 2020

Present: None on behalf of the appellant in person.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh Sahota, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Patiala (Punjab)

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 05.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 09.12.2020. First appeal is dated 15.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 28.10.2021;

- i) Neither the appellant nor respondent PIO was present.
- ii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied/would be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the Commission Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.
- iii) Another opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received any information from the respondent PIO.
- A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The appellant, Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Kirandeep Singh Sahota, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states a reply has been given to the appellant vide letter no. 217 dated 27.08.2021. On that reply, the appellant has put his signatures on 31.08.2021 as an acknowledgement of having received the same. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

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After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that in the instant appeal-case, First appeal dated 29.09.2020 filed by the appellant is addressed to First Appellate Authority office of Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Punjab, Patiala and six posts of Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies in State of Punjab has been abolished and in every District, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development) are appointed, accordingly, a copy of this order be sent in the name of First Appellate Authority office of Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Patiala instead of Regional Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Patiala.

Since the required information/reply has been given by the respondent PIO and the appellant has also acknowledged that he has received the same, hence, the show-cause issued to the concerned respondent PIO vide orders dated 28.10.2021, is <u>dropped</u> and the case is announced as <u>disposed of and closed</u>.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 5th January, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Gurmeet Singh S/o Sh. Lal Singh, Village – Kikker Khera, Tehsil – Abohar, Distt. - Fazilka(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Drainage and Construction Division, Ferozepur at Fazilka(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Water Drainage and Construction Division, Ferozepur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 937 of 2020

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Gurjit Singh, S. D. O. O/o Water Drainage and Construction Division, Ferozepur at Fazilka;
- ii) Sh. Kamaljit Singh, Senior Assistant(E.E. Branch II);
- iii) Sh. Surjit Singh, Dealing Hand (E.E. Branch I); on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Date: 5th January, 2022

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 05.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 18.11.2019. First appeal is dated 10.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.02.2020.

Sh. Gurjit Singh, S. D. O. office of Water Drainage and Construction Division, Ferozepur at Fazilka and Sh. Kamaljit Singh, Senior Assistant (E.E. Branch – II) and Sh. Surjit Singh, Dealing Hand (E.E. Branch – I), who appeared in today's hearing, state that the required information has already been supplied to the appellant time and again.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 25.10.2021. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same, hence, the case is announced as <u>disposed of and</u> closed.

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S/o Sh. Jagan Nath,

Village - Ramgarh, Tehsil Khamano,

Distt. - Fatehgarh Sahib(Punjab)

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...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Cultural Affairs, Archaeology & Museum Department, Punjab, Plot Number 3, Sector 38-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Tourism, Cultural Affairs, Archaeology & Museum, Punjab, Mini Secretariat, Sector - 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2549 of 2019

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

Sh. Anshuman, A.C.(F&A), for the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 05.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 01.11.2018. First appeal is dated 10.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.07.2019.

Sh. Anshuman, A.C.(F&A), who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the appellant has inspected the relevant official-record but did not identify any information to supply. Moreover, available information has already been given to the appellant and for remaining information, a reply dated 05.01.2022 in an affidavit, has been sent to the appellant and the same reply has also been sent to the Commission, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Janak Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the record, shown to him is not relevant and he has not received the above-mentioned reply dated 05.01.2022, till date.

After going over the queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request and the contents of the affidavit sent by the respondent PIO concerned and finding it satisfactory, no cause of action is left in this case.

The reply dated 05.01.2022 given in an affidavit be sent alongwith this order to the appellant through registered post and a copy of the same be kept in the case-file for record.

With this, the case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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