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Email: <u>psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in</u> Visit us - <u>www.infocommpunjab.com</u> Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

- (Regd. Post) Sh. Jagdish Kumar, Ward Number 03 Street No.09, Back Side - Raman Cinema, Mansa. (M: 99885-32307) V/s.
- (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division Number 02, Metro Road, Near Partap Chawk, Ludhiana.
- (Regd. Post First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Club Road, Near Old Courts, Ludhiana.

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No. 2938 of 2021 {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present: Advocate, Sh. Jagdeep Singh Rana is present on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Jagdish Kumar. Sh. Lavesh Jain, SDO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 21.09.2020, the date of First Appeal is 28.12.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 28.06.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Jagdeep Kumar states that no information has been supplied to the Appellant till date. Moreover, the demanded fees against the information has also been deposited by the Appellant to the concerned department well in time.

On the other hand, the SDO, Sh. Lavesh Jain states that the information is voluminous in nature and it is now ready with them. He further assures that it would be send to the Appellant by tomorrow through registered post.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the Respondent / PIO and the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

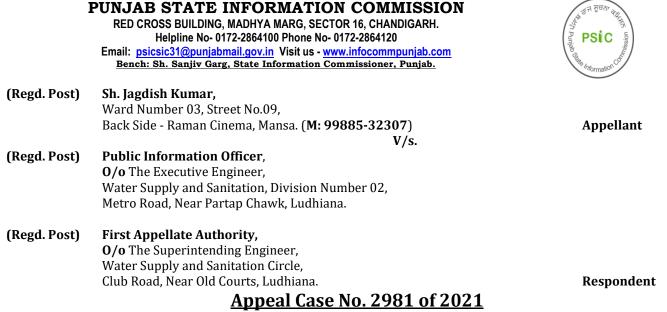
The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Jagdish Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

Also, Sh. Jagdeep Singh Rana is directed to submit his authority letter signed by the Appellant to the Commission if he would be going to represent this present case on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Jagdish Kumar in future.

This case is adjourned to 26.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 26.10.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Present: Advocate, Sh. Jagdeep Singh Rana is present on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Jagdish Kumar. Sh. Lavesh Jain, SDO is present from the Department.

ORDER: The date of RTI Application is 30.09.2020, the date of First Appeal is 28.12.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 28.06.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Jagdeep Kumar states that no information has been supplied to the Appellant till date. Moreover, the demanded fees against the information has also been deposited by the Appellant to the concerned department well in time.

On the other hand, the SDO, Sh. Lavesh Jain states that the information is voluminous in nature and it is now ready with them. He further assures that it would be send to the Appellant by tomorrow through registered post.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the Respondent / PIO and the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Jagdish Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

Also, Sh. Jagdeep Singh Rana is directed to submit his authority letter signed by the Appellant to the Commission if he would be going to represent this present case on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Jagdish Kumar in future.

This case is adjourned to 26.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 26.10.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 05.10.2021

Sh. Jaspal Singh, S/o Sh. Avtar Singh, H. No. 1205, Street No. 08,

H. No. 1205, Street No. 08, Hussainpura East, Amritsar. **M: 98153-62281**

Public Information Officer, **O/o** The Local Government Department, Punjab, Plot Number 03, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Local Government Department, Punjab, Plot Number 03, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

<u>Appeal Case No. 2983 of 2021</u> {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh.Jaspal Singh is present.

Sh. Mannveer Singh, Senior Assistant –cum- APIO from LG – I Branch is present. ORDER:

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The date of RTI Application is 30.04.2021, the date of First Appeal is 28.05.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 30.06.2021.

V/s.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh states that no information has been supplied to him and further requests for same.

On this, the Senior Assistant –cum- APIO, Sh. Mannveer Singh states that the information which has been requested by the Appellant is questionable and is in creative form. In view of this, they could not supply the information to the Appellant.

After having the pointwise discussion with both the parties, the Respondent / PIO concerned is directed to supply the requisite information relating to point number 01 and 02 only to the Appellant as information relating to point number 03 and 04 has been denied as point number 03 and 04 are vague and not specified in nature, to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh agrees to the above discussed statements.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 21.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 21.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



Appellant

Respondent

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Sh. Birchh Bhan, S/o Sh. Saroop Chand,

R/o House No. 33, Kahangarh Road, Pataran, District Patiala. **M: 9876101698**

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur.

<u>Appeal Case No. 3058 of 2021</u>

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Birchh Bhan is present. Sh. Manoj Kumar, Assistant Naib Sadar Congo is present. ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 06.04.2021, the date of First Appeal is 03.05.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 02.07.2021.

In today's hearing, while the hearing of this case gets started no voice was coming from the Appellant's end due to bad connectivity issue at his end.

On the other hand, the representative of the Respondent / PIO, Sh. Manoj Kumar states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and further read out the reply to the Commission from the letter number 1558 dated 05.10.2021 which has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 05.10.2021 and the same has been taken on record.

In the letter dated 05.10.2021 at the second paragraph it has been written that:-

ਜ਼ਿਕਰਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸੰਗਰੂਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਮਾਲ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਪਾਸ ਉਰਦੂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਜੋ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਹੈ। ਇਸਦੀ ਸਾਂਭ-ਸੰਭਾਲ ਲਈ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਤੋਂ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ:643/ਅਨਸਕ ਮਿਤੀ07-04-2021 ਰਾਹੀਂ 5,00000/-ਰੁਪਏ ਭੇਜਣ ਦੀ ਤਜ਼ਵੀਜ ਭੇਜੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਅਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੀ ਸਾਂਭ-ਸੰਭਾਲ ਲਈ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪੱਧਰ ਤੇ ਪੂਰਜ਼ੋਰ ਯਤਨ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਨੂੰ ਸਾਫ-ਸੁਥਰੇ ਕੱਪੜੇ ਦੇ ਬਸਤਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਬੰਨਕੇ ਰੈਂਕ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ।

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Birchh Bhan is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits.

The PIO is directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing and the PIO is also directed to supply the information again to the Appellant only if any deficiencies would have been pointed out by the Appellant to their concerned department well in time relating to this present RTI.

This case is adjourned to 21.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 21.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Appellant

Respondent

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Ashwani Chawla, (M: 99144-05765) Bureau Chief, Sach Kahoon, # 2872 – B, Sector 42-C, Chandigarh.

V/s.

Complainant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Civil Aviation Department, Punjab,
Room Number 13-15,
17 Bays Building,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

Respondent

<u>Complaint Case No. 816 of 2021</u> {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present: The Complainant, Sh. Ashwani Chawla is absent. None is present from the Department.

<u>ORDER</u>:

The date of RTI Application is 05.04.2021 and the date of Complaint filed in the Commission is 28.06.2021.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Ashwani Chawla is absent.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a reply / cover letter vide endorsement number 1540 dated 28.09.2021 has been received in the Commission from the Department which is taken on record.

In view of above an opportunity is given to the Complainant, Sh. Ashwani Chawla and he is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

The Complainant is also directed to appear on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Meeting Software for clarifying the facts of this case, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

The PIO is directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Complainant, by the next date of hearing and the PIO is also advised to supply the information again to the Complainant only if any deficiencies would have been pointed out by the Complainant to their concerned department well in time relating to this present RTI.

The PIO is also directed to appear on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Meeting Software for clarifying the facts of this case.

This case is adjourned to 26.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 26.10.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 05.10.2021

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Sh. Ravinder Kataria,

64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar,Dugri Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 1939 of 2019 {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria is absent.

Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Section Officer –cum – PIO is present from the Department. **ORDER:**

On the previous hearing dated 20.07.2021, the Appellant stated that he has received the information in his email but he doesnot have any access to open the attachments. To which, the concerned PIO was directed to grant the permission to the Appellant so that the Appellant could able to open the attached documents.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

On the other hand, the PIO, Sh. Gurpreet Singh states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant and they have not received any deficiencies to their concerned department relating to this case. He further mentions about an email dated 01.10.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

In view of above an opportunity is given to the Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria and he is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

The Appellant is also directed to appear on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Meeting Software for clarifying the facts of this case, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

The PIO is directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing and the PIO is also directed to supply the information again to the Appellant only if any deficiencies would have been pointed out by the Appellant to their concerned department well in time relating to this present RTI.

The PIO is also directed to appear on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Meeting Software.

This case is adjourned to 21.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 21.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 05.10.2021

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab Respondent

Appellant



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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan, Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road, Pathankot. **M: 98143-54649**

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 01, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, SCO 44-45, Phase -2, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

Respondent

<u>Appeal Case No. 3135 of 2021</u> <u>{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }</u>

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent. Sh. Samundar Gupat, SDE is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 01.04.2021, the date of First Appeal is 06.05.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 09.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent but an email dated 05.10.2021 has been received in the Commission vide which he has sent his medical certificate of not being well. In the same email, he further attaches a letter dated 05.10.2021 signed by himself in which he has written that he has not received any information from the concerned PIO till date.

On the other hand, the SDE, Sh. Samundar Gupat requests for an adjournment and further assures that the information would be supplied to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the Respondent / PIO and the PIO concerned is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 21.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 21.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan, Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road, Pathankot. **M: 98143-54649**

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 02, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Appeal Case No. 3137 of 2021

V/s.

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent.

None is present from the Department. **ORDER:**

The date of RTI Application is 01.04.2021, the date of First Appeal is 06.05.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 09.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent but an email dated 05.10.2021 has been received in the Commission vide which he has sent his medical certificate of not being well. In the same email, he further attaches a letter dated 05.10.2021 signed by himself in which he has written that he has not received any information from the concerned PIO till date.

None is present from the Department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as the information is still not supplied to the Appellant and today the concerned Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 02, Sri Muktsar Sahib, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email **within 2 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.



Appellant

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3137 of 2021 {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

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The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The O/o Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Sri Muktsar Sahib is directed to look into this matter and make assure that the PIO concerned should comply the above said order and PIO concerned should appear personally on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software. A copy of this order be sent to the O/o Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,Sri Muktsar Sahib through registered post.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

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Dated: 05.10.2021

Show Cause:

(Regd. Post)	Public Information Officer,
	O/o The Executive Engineer,
	Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 02,
	Sri Muktsar Sahib.
	{Encl. RTI Application}
CC:	

(Regd. Post) 0/o The Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

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Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 01, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, SCO 44-45, Phase- 2, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

<u>Appeal Case No. 3140 of 2021</u> {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent.

Sh.Samundar Gupat, SDE is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 01.04.2021, the date of First Appeal is 06.05.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 09.07.2021.

V/s.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent but an email dated 05.10.2021 has been received in the Commission vide which he has sent his medical certificate of not being well. In the same email, he further attaches a letter dated 05.10.2021 signed by himself in which he has written that he has not received any information from the concerned PIO till date.

On the other hand, the SDE, Sh. Samundar Gupat requests for an adjournment and further assures that the information would be supplied to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the Respondent / PIO and the PIO concerned is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

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Appellant

Respondent

