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



(Regd. Post) Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan,
H. No. 78 / 8, Park Road,
New Mandi, Dhuri, District Sangrur.
M: 85095-80002

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Dhuri,
District Sangrur.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban),
Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3872 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 29.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 05.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 27.08.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan states that no information has been supplied to him.

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

After going through the case file, it has been observed that the notice of hearing from FAA O/o The Deputy Director, Local Govt. Department, Mini Secretariat, Patiala has been received back to the Commission with the comments 'Refused' and it has come to the notice of the undersigned that now the FAA would O/o The ADC (Urban), Sangrur. So a copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Commission takes a serious view against the PIO as the information is still not supplied to the Appellant and moreover, nobody appears today from the Department for clarifying the facts of this case.

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 Officer, Municipal Council, Dhuri, District Sangrur, 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 (through Cisco Webex Meetings Software). A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post, so that the facts of this case would be clarified.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or through email **within 3 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information

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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, on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

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. Prem Kumar Rattan 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 **30.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **30.03.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 06.01.2022

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Show Cause:

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Dhuri,
District Sangrur.

(Encl RTI Application)

CC:

(Regd. Post)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban),
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(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban),
Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3781 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 16.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 08.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 23.08.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan states that no information has been supplied to him.

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

Also, it has come to the notice of the undersigned that now the FAA would O/o The ADC (Urban), Sangrur. So a copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Commission takes a serious view against the PIO as the information is still not supplied to the Appellant and moreover, nobody appears today from the Department for clarifying the facts of this case.

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 Officer, Municipal Council, Dhuri, District Sangrur, 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 (through Cisco Webex Meetings Software). A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post, so that the facts of this case would be clarified.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or through email **within 3 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

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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, on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

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. Prem Kumar Rattan 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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(Encl RTI Application)

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Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Tehsil Complex, Sunam,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Sunam, District Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3716 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is present.
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Tehsildar is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 26.05.2021, the date of First Appeal is 01.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 17.08.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the Tehsildar, Sh. Kuldeep Singh states that the information is ready with them and it would be supplied to the Appellant within a week.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that an email dated 16.12.2021 has been received from the department to the Commission which is taken on record. Further, it has been observed that the notice of hearing has been returned back to the Commission from the office of PIO due to 'strike', as written by the postal services on the envelope.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or through 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, on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

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. Prem Kumar Rattan 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 30.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 30.03.2022 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. Bhupinder Singh,
(Secretary District Congress Committee)
Village Bahama. Tehsil Samana,
District Patiala.
M: 99151-02773

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Samana, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Patiala.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4150 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Bhupinder Singh is present.
Sh. Jagtar Singh, Tax Collector is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 16.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 16.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 13.09.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Bhupinder Singh states that the information which has been supplied to him relating to point number 1 and 2 is unattested in nature and information relating to point number 3 is incomplete in nature. He further mentions about his email dated 03.01.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Tax Collector, Sh. Jagtar Singh states that the information relating to point 3 relates with the Office of Panchayat and information relating to first two points have already been supplied to the Appellant.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information **again (i.e. attested copies of information relating to point number 1 and 2 and in relating to point number 3 the concerned PIO is directed to supply the information to the Appellant after collecting the same from the concerned department)** to the Appellant by registered post or through 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.

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. Bhupinder 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 30.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 30.03.2022 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. Sanjiv Jindal,
S/o Sh. Braham Prakash,
H. No. 9628, Pujan Wala Mohalla,
Mini Secretariat Road, Bathinda (151001) M: 89685-67300

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer (EE),
Mini Secretariat, Bathinda. (151001)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer (EE),
Mini Secretariat, Bathinda. (151001).

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3772 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Sanjiv Jindal is present.
Sh. Gurvinder Singh, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 30.04.2021, the date of First Appeal is 18.06.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 20.08.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sanjiv Jindal states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Gurvinder Singh states that the complaint dated 31.03.2021 was relating to private schools and have been forwarded to the concerned schools and further mentions about an email dated 14.12.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

After going through the email dated 14.12.2021 which has been sent to the Commission by the department it has been observed that there is no attested copy of Appellant's complaint dated 31.03.2021. So, in view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (i.e. **attested copies of information as well as copy of complaint**) to the Appellant by registered post or through email **within 3 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.

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. Sanjiv Jindal 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 30.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 30.03.2022 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. Surjit Singh, (9855900321)

S/o Sh. Gokal Singh,

V.P.O. Jarg, Tehsil Payal, District Ludhiana (141415)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The District Education Officer (EE),

Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Director Public Instructions, (EE),

Punjab, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3769 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

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

Sh. Tejveer Singh, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 24.05.2021, the date of First Appeal is 29.06.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 20.08.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date. He further mentions about his email dated 04.01.2022 which has been sent to the Commission, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Tejveer Singh states that if the Appellant could inspect the record and collect the information as per RTI. He further mentions about an email dated 30.12.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on 17.01.2022 at 11.30 A.M. at the office of Sh. Tejveer Singh, Senior Assistant and meet him personally for collecting the requisite information after identifying the same as per the RTI Application.

If the information is not available with the concerned department, then the concerned PIO is directed to submit the same in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

If the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the information then it will be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the inspection could not take place from the Department's end then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned as well as against the Senior Assistant, Sh. Tejveer Singh.

This case is adjourned to **30.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **30.03.2022** 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. Birchh Bhan (M:9876101698),
S/o Sh. Saroop Chand,
R/o H. No. 33, Kahangarh Road, Patran,
District Patiala.

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Nagar Panchayat,
Khanauri, District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Nagar Panchayat,
Khanauri, District Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3725 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Birchh Bhan is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 24.05.2021, the date of First Appeal is 28.06.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 18.08.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Birchh Bhan is absent.

On the other hand, while hearing of this case, Sh. Beant Singh, Junior Engineer was disconnected through Cisco Webex Meetings and his verbal statement could not be recorded.

After going through the case file, it has been observed an email from sohanikheti@gmail.com has been received in the Commission vide dated 04.01.2022 in which it has been written that the Appellant is satisfied and requesting for disposing of this case, **but after going through email it does not clarify if this is sent by the Appellant himself or not as there are no signatures on the sent email or in the attached satisfaction acknowledgement receipt dated 04.01.2022.**

An opportunity is given to the Appellant to clarify the facts of this case i.e. if he satisfied or not on the next date of hearing, which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

An opportunity is given to the PIO as well to clarify the facts of this case on the next date of hearing, which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

This case is adjourned to 30.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 30.03.2022 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. Paramjit Singh, S/o Sh. Keshar Singh,
Village Jandali, PO Ahmedgarh,
Tehsil Malerkotla, District Sangrur.

Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Station House Officer,
Police Station Ahmedgarh, Sadar,
District Sangrur. (148001)

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1110 of 2021 **{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}**

Present : The Complainant, Sh. Paramjit Singh is present.
Sh. Chand Gir, Sub Inspector is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 24.07.2021 and the date of Complaint filed in the Commission is 02.09.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Paramjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On the other hand, the Sub Inspector, Sh. Chand Gir states that earlier the file was missing and now they have located the file and further requests for an adjournment so that the information could be supplied to the Complainant, well in time.

After hearing both the parties, the concerned PIO is advised to supply the requisite information (i.e. **attested copies of information as per RTI**) to the Complainant by registered post or through email **within 3 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant till date.

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 Complainant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Complainant, Sh. Paramjit 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 **04.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **04.04.2022** 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. Jasbir Singh, (M: 9888296107),
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bolapur Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh. Distict Ludhiana (141123)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3973 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present.
Sh. Harpal Singh, Clerk is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 06.01.2021, the date of First Appeal is 19.02.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 02.09.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that no information has been supplied to him. He further mentions about his email dated 02.01.2022 which has been sent to the Commission which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Clerk, Sh. Harpal Singh states that there is no such person named as Bahadar Deen as mentioned in the Appellant's RTI during the mentioned period.

After going through the case and discussing with both the parties, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (i.e. **attested copies of information**) to the Appellant by registered post or through email **within 3 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information is not available with them (as mentioned above by, Sh. Harpal Singh) then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit signed by PIO, Sh. Gagandeep Singh explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

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. Jasbir 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 **04.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **04.04.2022** 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. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
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Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies Department Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies Department Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3803 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh is absent.
Sh. Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector from Town Planning Wing from MC, Ludhiana is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 05.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 05.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 24.08.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh was connected but no voice was coming from his side at Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

On the other hand, the Building Inspector, Sh. Rajiv Kumar states that they have not received the Applicant's RTI and the Appellant was called thrice to appear before the First Appellate Authority but he did not come there as well.

After going through the case, it has been observed that the notice was hearing was issued to the PIO O/o The Principal Secretary, Local Bodies Department Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh and there is no such document which is sent by the PIO concerned or by the concerned department which shows that the office of MC, Ludhiana would appear today this case.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the concerned PIO and further the PIO O/o The Principal Secretary, Local Bodies Department Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh is directed to look into this matter thoroughly and assure that copy of all concerned documents, must be sent to the Commission through email, which prove that the case has been transferred to MC, Ludhiana and also the PIO concerned is directed to send the documents relating to information which has been sent to the Appellant and if the information has not been supplied to the Appellant till date then the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (i.e. **attested copies of information**) to the Appellant by registered post or through email **within 3 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 signed by PIO explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

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.

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Also, the Appellant, Sh. Amarjit 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 **04.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **04.04.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 06.01.2022

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First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary,
Local Govt. Department, Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4148 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rahul Gupta is present.
Sh. Jasbir Singh, PIO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 22.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 24.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 13.09.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rahul Gupta states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On the other hand, the PIO, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that they have written regarding the same to the Director's office and when they will receive the report from the office concerned then it would be sent to the Appellant, accordingly.

After going through the case file and the discussing with both the parties, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (i.e. **letters which have been sent to the department concerned and other further action taken till date**) to the Appellant by registered post or through email **within 3 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 signed by PIO explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

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. Rahul Gupta 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 **04.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **04.04.2022** 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

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police, (Rural),
Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Ludhiana Range, Ludhiana.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4149 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rahul Gupta is present.
Sh. Nirmal Kumar, ASI is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 22.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 24.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 13.09.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rahul Gupta states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On the other hand, the ASI, Sh. Nirmal Kumar states that the information relates with 3rd party and could not be supplied. He further adds by saying that they have taken the action against the complaint which was sent to their department by the office of MC, Jagraon and in that complaint the name of the complainant was not mentioned, that is why they doesnot disclose anything relating to the Appellant, Sh. Rahul Gupta.

To which, the ASI, Sh. Nirmal Kumar is directed to supply the information (i.e. attested copies of information) to the Appellant today at the time of his visit at their office.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office today i.e. 06.01.2022 at 3 p.m. at the office of Sh. Nirmal Kumar, ASI and meet him personally for collecting the requisite information after identifying the same as per the RTI Application.

If the information is not available with the concerned department, then the concerned PIO is directed to submit the same in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

If the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the information then it will be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the inspection could not took place from the Department's end then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned.

This case is adjourned to **04.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **04.04.2022** 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

V/s.

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O/o The Director,
Local Govt. Department, Punjab, Sector 35-A,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Local Govt. Department, Punjab, Sector 35-A,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4745 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Sham Sunder Sarpal is present.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 16.10.2019, the date of First Appeal is 09.06.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 14.10.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sham Sunder Sarpal states that information which has been supplied to him is uncertified and is incomplete in nature and further states that he has also sent the deficiencies to the concerned department vide dated 20.7.2021 and 03.09.2021

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

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Sham Sunder Sarpal is directed to send the deficiencies letter to the concerned department **again** along with a copy to the Commission within 2 weeks from today through registered post.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as 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 Director, Local Govt. Department, Punjab, Sector 35-A, Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh, 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 (after removing the deficiencies) to the Appellant by registered post or email **within 3 weeks positively (along with a copy to the**

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Commission) and if the information is not available with them or it cannot be supplied by the PIO 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. Sham Sunder Sarpal 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 04.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 04.04.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Show Cause:

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Local Govt. Department, Punjab, Sector 35-A,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.
Encl. RTI Application**

**CC:
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Local Govt. Department, Punjab, Sector 35-A,
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh**

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Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Anandana at Moonak, District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4189 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : Sh. Ramesh Kumar is present on behalf of the Appellant.
Sh. Prithvi Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Sh. Gurjeet Singh along with Sh. Uttam Jeet Singh, Dealing Clerk are present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 03.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 09.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 15.09.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for 04.01.2022 but could not be heard due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Ramesh Kumar states that no information has been supplied to the Appellant till date. He further mentions about an email dated 03.01.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, Sh. Uttam Singh, Clerk states that the information is ready with them and it would be sent to the Appellant by Monday. He further mentions about an email dated 05.01.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (i.e. pointwise and attested copies of information) to the Appellant by registered post or email **within a week positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and **if the information is not available with them or it cannot be supplied by the PIO 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. Balvir 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 **04.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **04.04.2022** 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

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Malerkotla,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Malerkotla,
District Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2455 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : Sh. Gurmej Lal is present on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Balwinder Singh Laddi.
Sh. Jawahar Sagar, Municipal Engineer is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 14.09.2021 in which the Appellant was directed to clarify and ask for specific information from the department concerned through registered post and was adjourned for 30.11.2021 but this case could not be heard on 30.11.2021 due to technical fault in connection and is fixed for today's hearing.

In today's hearing, Municipal Engineer, Sh. Jawahar Sagar states that they have not received any specific letter from the Appellant.

On the other hand, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal states that they have visited the concerned office in some other cases for inspection and has also provided the letter for clarification (i.e. specific information) to Sh. Charan Singh and he has also received the letter by hand.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to send the concerned letter again to the department through registered post as well as through email and send a copy of the same to the Commission within a week. The Appellant is also directed to send the copy of postal receipts to the Commission vide which the letter would be sent to the concerned department.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (i.e. pointwise and attested copies of information) to the Appellant by registered post or email **within 3 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and **if the information is not available with them or it cannot be supplied by the PIO 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. Balwinder Singh Laddi 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 **04.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **04.04.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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