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



Raj Kumar S/o Sh. Harbans Lal, House Number 992, Ward No. 26, Mohalla Kajia,

Pathankot -145001 (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Sub Divisional Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, (Sub Division No. 03) Now Sub Division Number 02, Pathankot. (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 01, Pathankot(Punjab)

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1372 of 2021

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Sahil Saini, S. D. O.(Division - 02), in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

V/s.

The RTI request is dated 22.06.2020. First appeal is dated 16.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2021;

- i) The appellant through a letter dated 21.08.2021 had intimated the Commission that he had not received any information.
- ii) Sh. Sahil Saini, S. D. O.(Division 02), stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1105 dated 17.09.2021 through registered post.
- iii) 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. Sahil Saini, S. D. O.(Division – 02), who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1105 dated 17.09.2021 through registered post. It (reply vide letter no. 1105 dated 17.09.2021), alongwith a copy of postal-receipt, is placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Raj Kumar was not present on the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2021. He is again not present in today's hearing. 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.

In view of all the above, the case is announced as <u>disposed of and closed</u>. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 (Sanjiv Garg)

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Jaspal Singh S/o Sh. Avtar Singh, H. No. 1205, Gali No. 08, Hussainpura(East), Amritsar (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 1422 of 2021

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

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

The RTI request is dated 12.11.2020. First appeal is dated 12.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2021;

- i) Sh. Rajeev Saggar, Superintendent stated that a point-wise reply with enclosure was given to the appellant vide letter no. 3089 dated 19.08.2021.
- ii) The appellant stated that the reply/information given to him was not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.
- iii) The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 23.09.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to identify the information.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office and directed to supply the required information to the appellant, after inspection.
- v) 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.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4789 dated 30.11.2021, which was received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that in compliance to the order dated 21.09.2021, the required information has been given to Sh. Amritpal Singh (authorised representative of the appellant) on 23.09.2021 during his visit, appended to which is an acknowledgement receipt signed Sh. Amritpal Singh, of having received the information. It is taken on record.

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Sh. Amritpal Singh (authorised representative of the appellant), Sh. Jaspal Singh through a letter, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 22731 dated 06.10.2021, has intimated the Commission that he had received the required information and is satisfied with the same. It is taken on record.

Since complete information has been supplied by the respondent PIO and representative of the appellant has also acknowledged the same, hence, the case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner

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Jatinder Kumar C/o Sachkhand Mishthan Bhandar, Nehru Gate, Nawanshaher (Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, L G – III Branch, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Under Secretary, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, L G – III Branch, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 2778 of 2021

V/s

Present: Sh. Jatinder Kumar, the appellant in person.

Sh. Ashish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO( LG – III Branch), in person.

### <u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 29.01.2021. First appeal is dated 26.04.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.06.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 27.09.2021;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant 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.
- v) For non-supplying of the information by the respondent PIO, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Ashish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO( LG – III Branch), who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that complete information of 143 pages has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1600 dated 19.08.2021 through and again vide letter no. 2370 dated 22.11.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2370 dated 22.11.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 26588 dated 26.11.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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The appellant, Sh. Jatinder Kumar, who appeared in person present in today's hearing, states that he has received the required documents in the instant appeal-case and is satisfied with the same. He also intimates the Commission that a letter dated 02.12.2021 has also been sent to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, intimating that he has received the required documents in the instant appeal-case. It is taken on record.

During the hearing, Sh. Ashish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO has given an oralsubmission in response to the show-cause notice issued to him vide orders dated 21.09.2021.

After going through the oral-submission, it emerges that there is no malafide in supplying the requisite information on the part of the respondent PIO and finding the explanation given by the PIO concerned as genuine, the show cause issued to him vide orders dated 21.09.2021 is dropped and the case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

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