



Harbhagat Singh Grewal
S/o Sh. Jasbir Singh Grewal,
H. No. 151, Block – J,
Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Head Master,
Government Primary School,
Sarabha Nagar,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1511 of 2021

Present : Sh. Harbhagat Singh Grewal, the appellant in person.
Ms. Sharanjit Kaur, Head Teacher, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 31.10.2020. First appeal is dated 05.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2021

- i) Ms. Charanjit Kaur, Head Teacher, stated that available information was supplied to the appellant and a reply dated 07.07.2021 was also sent to the Commission.
- ii) The appellant through a letter dated 21.09.2021 had sought an adjournment in this case.
- iii) As the appellant through his letter dated 21.09.2021 had not intimated that whether he received the information or not, hence, an opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Ms. Sharanjit Kaur, Head Teacher, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant and no other information apart from the supplied information is available in the official record.

The appellant, Sh. Harbhagat Singh Grewal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information received by him is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the required information, as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, to the appellant by registered post or through an e-mail with a copy to the Commission, failing which action would be initiated against him/her under the provisions of the RTI Act.

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An opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was/would be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 23rd February, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 6th December, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Ashish Kapur
S/o Late Sh. Arun Kumar Kapur,
H. No. 695, First Floor Annexe,
Phase – 2, S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) - 160055(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information 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 Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1465 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Munish Garg, Senior Assistant(General Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 05.06.2020. First appeal is dated 10.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Munish Garg, Senior Assistant(General Branch), stated that a point-wise reply with enclosure was given to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant stated that the reply/information given to him was not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.
- iii) On this, Sh. Munish Garg orally stated that every Regional Deputy Director of Urban Local Bodies has their separate guidelines/notifications upon Cow Cess and each and every office of District has updated the guidelines/notifications on their official website.
- iv) As the reply of the respondent was not clear, hence, the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to send a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request to him with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Munish Garg, Senior Assistant(General Branch), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in compliance to the order dated 21.09.2021, the requisite information has again been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 47093 dated 30.11.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 47092 dated 30.11.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 27199 dated 03.12.2021. It, alongwith a copy of annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ashish Kapur, is not present in today's hearing.

Last opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (sent vide letter dated 30.11.2021) 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 or the case would be decided on merits. 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 7th March, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 6th December, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Baljeet Singh,
64 - H, B. R. S. Nagar,
Ludhiana - 141012(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- (Regd. Post)
- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
 - ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintendent,
(Municipal Services Cell),
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
 - iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintendent,
(Establishment Branch)
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 872 of 2021

Present : Sh. Baljeet Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Om Parkash, Inspector-cum-APIO(Establishment Branch) O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana for the respondent

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 02.11.2020. First appeal is dated 04.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.02.2021.
On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Om Parkash, Inspector-cum-APIO(Establishment Branch) from office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
- ii) Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell), who appeared from office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant through post as well as e-mail on 02.09.2021.
- iii) The appellant intimated that the information neither was received through post nor by e-mail from the respondent PIO.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to send the requisite information to the applicant through registered post.
- v) The appellant was 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 by the next date of hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Baljeet Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Om Parkash, Inspector-cum-APIO(Establishment Branch) who appeared from office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, in today's hearing, states that a letter has been forwarded by office of Director, Local Government, Punjab to office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, hence, he is appearing to represent the case but the information sought through RTI request relates with Municipal Services Cell office of Director, Local Government, Punjab.

The appellant, Sh. Baljeet Singh also states that information sought by him through RTI request does not relate with office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana . He also intimates that information sought relates with Municipal Services Cell office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.

As Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell), appeared on the earlier date of hearing, held on 21.09.2021 and stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant through post as well as e-mail on 02.09.2021 and after going through the case-file, it emerges that through reply dated 02.09.2021, Superintendent, Municipal Services Cell has forwarded the RTI request of the appellant to Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, which reflects that no information was given to the appellant through reply dated 02.09.2021.

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it is also found that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of PIO-cum-Superintendent of Municipal Services Cell of office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, hence, Public Information Officer of Municipal Services Cell is directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab and bring the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO of office of Superintendent, Municipal Services Cell, would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 23rd February, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Date : 6th December, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Jatinder Kumar
C/o Sh. Sachkhand Mishthan Bhandar,
Nehru Gate, NawanShaher (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
NawanShaher (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies, Pb.,
Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2225 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jatinder Kumar, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Amrik Singh, Executive officer, in person ;
ii) Sh. Satnam Singh, Accountant, for respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 05.03.2019. First appeal is dated 10.04.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.06.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 27.09.2021 ;

- i) The respondent through a reply vide letter no. 1306 dated 28.07.2021 had intimated the Commission that Sh. Bharat Bhushan, the concerned Clerk of Accounts Branch has met with an accident and was on medical leave.
- ii) The appellant stated that part information i. e. copy of cheque through which payment was made, is pending and he visited the office of the respondent but no information was given to him. He also intimated that he had pointed deficiencies in the supplied information through a letter dated 17.09.2021.
- iii) As the letter dated 17.09.2021 sent by the appellant is addressed to the Commission and was not sent to the respondent PIO, hence, a copy of the letter dated 17.09.2021 (sent by the appellant) was sent to the respondent-PIO with the directions to supply the remaining information after removing the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information.

Sh. Amrik Singh, Executive officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Satnam Singh, Accountant, states that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Jatinder Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that part information i. e. copy of cheque through which payment has been made, is still pending.

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Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 07.12.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to identify and collect the required the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 07.12.2021 at 03:00 P. M. 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.

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 date and time of visit of the appellant and inspection of the relevant official record in the office of the respondent has been announced to the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

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

The case is adjourned to 7th March, 2022 (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 : 6th December, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Yogesh Mahajan
S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation, Pb.,
Division No. 01, Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Circle,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1649 of 2021

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, 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 06.01.2021. First appeal is dated 08.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.03.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received a reply from the concerned PIO but no information was attached to it.

Neither the respondent nor his representative is present in today's hearing

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that order dated 20.09.2021 sent by the Commission vide letter dated 29.04.2021 in the name of the Public Information Officer office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation, Division No. 01, Bathinda is received back in the office of the Commission as 'undelivered' through Diary No. 24643 dated 29.10.2021. It is taken on record.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned 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. 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'.

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.

The case is adjourned to 28th February, 2022 (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 : 6th December, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Yogesh Mahajan
S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation, Pb.,
Division No. 02,
Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Circle,
Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1646 of 2021

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, 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 06.01.2021. First appeal is dated 08.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.03.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent nor his representative is present in today's hearing. He has neither sent any intimation regarding his non-availability nor sent any document, showing that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant. He has also not complied with the orders dated 20.09.2021 passed by the Commission, through which a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon the concerned PIO of office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Pb., Division No. 02, Amritsar.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned 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. 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'.

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.

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Last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 20.09.2021 passed by the Commission by depositing the penalty amount in the Treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services
60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent alongwith order dated 20.09.2021 through registered post to the Chief Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Pb., Patiala to ensure compliance of the above announced order.

The case is adjourned to 28th February, 2022 (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 : 6th December, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

The Chief Engineer,
O/o Water Supply & Sanitation, Pb.,
Patiala (Punjab)

Encl : Order dated 20.09.2021

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Ms. Rupinder Kaur Gill,
410, National City Homes,
G. T. Road,
Amritsar (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 525 of 2021

Present : Sh. Vishal Joshi on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (LG -II Branch), in person ;
ii) Sh. Gagandeep, Senior Assistant, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 20.08.2020. First appeal is dated 05.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2021.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO (LG – II Branch), who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Gagandeep, Senior Assistant, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1523 dated 01.12.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1522 dated 01.12.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 27034 dated 02.12.2021. It is taken on record.

Sh. Vishal Joshi, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Ms. Rupinder Kaur Gill, in today's hearing, states that the information supplied to the appellant is not as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 15.12.2021 at 12:00 noon to identify the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant or his representative to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 15.12.2021 at 12:00 noon 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.

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

The date and time of visit of the appellant and inspection of the relevant official record in the office of the respondent has been announced to the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

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

If the appellant or his representative would not visit the office of the respondent on the date fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 1st March, 2022 (Wednesday) 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 : 6th December, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur, Distt. – Ludhiana -141101(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive officer,
Nagar Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

Encl : letter dated 07.11.2021

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3471 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, 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 12.09.2019. First appeal is dated 18.09.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.09.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent and incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO. He also intimates the Commission that through a letter dated 07.11.2021, he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 07.11.2021, to him by registered post or through an e-mail with a copy to the Commission, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of letter dated 07.11.2021 be sent to the respondent PIO for reference.

An opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was/would be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

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As First Appellate Authority in the instant appeal-case is Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Ludhiana 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 through registered post in the name of First Appellate Authority office of Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana instead of Regional Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana for further hearing/hearings of this case.

The case is adjourned to 23rd February, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Date : 6th December, 2021

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : letter dated 07.11.2021

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P. S. :

Sh. Abhay Joshi, Accountant, appeared for the respondent after the hearing in the instant appeal-case was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands adjourned to 23rd February, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt. – Ludhiana -141101(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive officer,
Nagar Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2610 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, 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 04.07.2019. First appeal is dated 11.07.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.07.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the required information, as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, to the appellant by registered post or through an e-mail with a copy to the Commission, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

An opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was/would be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

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If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

Contd...2/-

As First Appellate Authority in the instant appeal-case is Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Ludhiana 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 through registered post in the name of First Appellate Authority office of Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana instead of Regional Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana for further hearing/hearings of this case.

The case is adjourned to 23rd February, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Date : 6th December, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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P. S. :

Sh. Abhay Joshi, Accountant, appeared for the respondent after the hearing in the instant appeal-case was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands adjourned to 23rd February, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
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....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive officer,
Nagar Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2609 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, 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 03.07.2019. First appeal is dated 11.07.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.07.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the required information, as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, to the appellant by registered post or through an e-mail with a copy to the Commission, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

An opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was/would be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

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As First Appellate Authority in the instant appeal-case is Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Ludhiana 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 through registered post in the name of First Appellate Authority office of Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana instead of Regional Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana for further hearing/hearings of this case.

The case is adjourned to 23rd February, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive officer,
Nagar Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

Encl : letter dated 06.12.2021

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4516 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, 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 20.11.2019. First appeal is dated 27.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.12.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent and incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as 484 pages of information has been given to him which are not as per queries, raised by him through RTI request. He also intimates the Commission that through a letter dated 06.12.2021, he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 06.12.2021, to him by registered post or through an e-mail with a copy to the Commission, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of letter dated 06.12.2021 be sent to the respondent PIO for reference.

An opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was/would be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

As First Appellate Authority in the instant appeal-case is Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Ludhiana 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.

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