



Prem Kumar Rattan,
H. No. 78/8, Park Road, Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate ,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3633 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 10.05.2021. First appeal is dated 10.06.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 12.08.2021.

Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information sought by the appellant through RTI request is 'third party' information and a reply has been given to the appellant vide letter no. 2273 dated 01.02.2022 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2272 dated 01.02.2022., which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2473 dated 07.02.2022. It, alongwith annexure with a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, is not present in today's hearing.

After going through the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, it is found that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request is not 'third party' information, hence, an opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 17.03.2022 at 11:00 A. M. to identify 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 17.03.2022 at 11:00 A. M. and supply the required information to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) with a copy to the Commission.

The Tehsildar, Dhuri (Sh. Jinsu Bansal) and Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Clerk, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO. He is also advised 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 PIO concerned.

The case is adjourned to 11th May, 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 : 7th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Prem Kumar Rattan,
H. No. 78/8, Park Road, Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate ,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3634 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 10.05.2021. First appeal is dated 10.06.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 12.08.2021.

Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information sought by the appellant through RTI request is 'third party' information and a reply has been given to the appellant vide letter no. 2273 dated 01.02.2022 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2274 dated 01.02.2022., which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2474 dated 07.02.2022. It, alongwith annexure with a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, is not present in today's hearing.

After going through the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, it is found that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request is not 'third party' information, hence, an opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 17.03.2022 at 11:00 A. M. to identify 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 17.03.2022 at 11:00 A. M. and supply the required information to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) with a copy to the Commission.

The Tehsildar, Dhuri , who is Sh. Jinsu Bansal and Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Clerk, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO. He is also advised 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 PIO concerned.

The case is adjourned to 11th May, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Gurbagh Singh S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh,
V. P. O. – Jindwari, Tehsil – Nangal,
Distt. – Roopnagar - 140133(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sanitation Division ,
SriAnandpur Saheb(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
and Sanitation Circle , Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3897 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ranjit Singh Dayal, Advocate on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Harjit Pal Singh, Executive Engineer , in person ;
ii) Sh. Sandeep Kapil, Senior Assistant , for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 18.05.2021. First appeal is dated 19.07.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.08.2021.

Sh. Ranjit Singh Dayal, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh.

Gurbagh Singh in today's hearing, states that through RTI request, the appellant has demanded
copy of complaints submitted to office of Deputy Commissioner by local residents against him
(Sh. Gurbagh Singh, the appellant himself) and newspaper cuttings and documents, on the bases
of which Sh. Gurbagh Singh was terminated and no information has been given to him by the
respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Harjit Pal Singh, Executive Engineer, who appeared in person with Sh.

Sandeep Kapil, Senior Assistant, in today's hearing, states that number of verbal complaints were
received against Sh. Gurbhag Singh from Deputy Commissioner's Office and local residents.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send the certified
copies of the required information or send a detailed reply to the queries raised by the appellant
through RTI request alongwith supporting documents i. e. complaints submitted to office of
Deputy Commissioner by local residents, Newspaper cuttings and order passed/documents, on
the bases of which Sh. Gurbagh Singh was terminated, through registered post or e-mail to the
appellant as well as to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received
the information/reply (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not. He is also advised 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 respondent concerned by next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 16th May, 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.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 7th February, 2022

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Lajpat Rai Garg S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street, Jaito, Tehsil – Jaito,
District – Faridkot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o 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 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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3658 of 2021

Present : Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, the appellant in person.
Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent (LG – III Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 28.11.2020. First appeal is dated 15.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.08.2021.

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

Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent (LG – III Branch), could not make himself audible to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the case.

Nevertheless, 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 and send a copy of the information (which would supplied to the appellant) to the Commission, by the next date of hearing, failing which further action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned to 17th May, 2022 (Tuesday) 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 : 7th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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P. S. :

Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent (LG – III Branch), appeared for the respondent, after the hearing of the instant appeal-case was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands adjourned to 17th May, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Lajpat Rai Garg S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street, Jaito, Tehsil – Jaito,
District – Faridkot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o 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 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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3659 of 2021

Present : Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, the appellant in person.
Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent (LG – III Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 28.11.2020. First appeal is dated 15.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.08.2021.

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

Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent (LG – III Branch), could not make himself audible to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the case.

Nevertheless, 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 and send a copy of the information (which would be supplied to the appellant) to the Commission, by the next date of hearing, failing which further action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned to 17th May, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 7th February, 2022

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P. S. :

Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent (LG – III Branch), appeared for the respondent, after the hearing of the instant appeal-case was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands adjourned to 17th May, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Gurmel Singh
S/o Sh. Tek Singh,
357, Ward No. 02, Patti Sunami,
V. P. O.- Longowal,
Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Longowal,
Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1150 of 2021

Present : Sh. Gurmel Singh, the complainant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 06.05.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 09.09.2021.

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 23.11.2021 with the directions to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after directions were given vide orders dated 23.11.2021, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Longowal. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited 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.

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 with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

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. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent to the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Sangrur (Punjab) through registered post to ensure compliance of the above-announced order and also to ensure presence of the concerned PIO in the instant appeal-case on the fixed date.

The case is adjourned to 17th May, 2022 (Tuesday) 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 : 7th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post) The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Sangrur (Punjab)

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(Regd. Post)

Balram
S/o Sh. Ram Narain,
Village – Dharampura,
Tehsil – Abohar,
Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Block Khuia Sarwar at Abohar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Fazilka(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4165 of 2021

Present : Sh. Balram, 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 18.05.2021. First appeal is dated 21.07.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.09.2021.
Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Balram, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states
that he has demanded copy of complaint dated 12.10.2019 alongwith diary number and action
taken report on the said complaint alongwith Inquiry Officer's Name, Designation, Office address
with Mobile Number and statements attached in the case-file but no information has been given
to him by the respondent PIO till date.

After examining the case-file, it emerges that in a hearing, held on 23.11.2021, Sh.
Harmeet Singh, Panchayat Officer, has stated that the complaint dated 12.10.2019 was not found
in the official record and on the same day, the appellant was directed to submit the proof i.e
Postal-receipt or Diary number, showing that complaint dated 12.10.2019 was filed in the
concerned department.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to both the parties i. e. the appellant and the
respondent PIO to be present in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the
bench of the undersigned during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of
hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to them
through registered post.

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.

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 25th May, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. 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 : 7th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Nasib Singh
S/o Sh. Behal Singh,
Village – Tootwala,
Tehsil – Abohar,
Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sanitation,
Abohar,
District - Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
and Sanitation Circle,
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3673 of 2021

Present : Sh. Nasib Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 15.04.2021. First appeal is dated 22.06.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.08.2021.

Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 17 dated 03.01.2022 through registered post and a copy of reply has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Nasib Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information through a letter dated 27.01.2022.

Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, Clerk, states that no letter dated 27.01.2022 has been received in the office till date.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the appellant to send the letter dated 27.01.2022 again to the respondent PIO so that the deficiencies could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 16th May, 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 : 7th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Gurmej Lal,
1331-5, Street No. 05,
Vishwakarma Bhawan,
Down Canal Road,
Simlapuri, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Division,
Near S.S.P. Office, Old Courts,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Division,
Near S.S.P. Office, Old Courts,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2347 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 13.02.2021. First appeal is dated 13.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.05.2021.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also neither sent any intimation regarding his non-availability nor sent any document, showing that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Division, Ludhiana, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. A copy of the RTI request be sent to him alongwith this order through registered post for his ready reference.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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 with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

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.

Another opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' / or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 10th May, 2022 (Tuesday) 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 : 7th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl :RTI request

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