



Sh. Rajesh Gupta,
216, Bharat Nagar,
Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Town Planning Wing,
Local Bodies Department, Pb
Sec-35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Town Planning Wing,
Local Bodies Department, Pb
Sec-35-A, Chandigarh

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2689 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector O/o ATP for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 29.05.2020 has sought information regarding Memo No.DTP-1180-1181 dated 24.09.2013 issued to Commissioner, MC Ludhiana and Chairman Improvement Trust by Director Town Planning – reply received from MC Ludhiana – reply from Improvement Trust – action taken on the said memo – verification report submitted by MC Ludhiana and Improvement Trust and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of Town Planning Wing, Local Bodies Department, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.07.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 24.02.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Mohali. Both the parties were absent.

The Commission received a copy of letter dated 07.01.2021 from the PIO through email stating that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 03.07.2020 and 11.08.2020.

The appellant was absent. The appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies if any in writing to the PIO with a copy to the Commission and appear on the next date of hearing to plead his case. The PIO was directed to remove the discrepancies.

Hearing dated 07.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Both the parties are absent.

At the last hearing, the appellant was directed to point out the discrepancies if any in the information that were sent by the PIO vide letter dated 03.07.2020 and 11.08.2020. The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancies. It appears that the appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated:07.06.2021

Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh. Rohit Sabharwal,
Kundan Bhawan, 126,
Model Gram, Ludhiana.

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O/o DEO (EE),
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (EE),
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2573 of 2020

PRESENT: Ms.Sukhjinder Kaur for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 27.05.2020 has sought information regarding efforts made by the office of DEO(EE) for compliance of rule 7(5) of the Punjab Right of Children to free and compulsory education rules, 2011 – name & address of private schools violating rule 7(5) – notices issued to concerned authority against schools violating the said rule – total number of schools checked to ensure compliance and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of DEO(EE) Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.07.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 24.02.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that no information is available in their record and the reply has been sent to the appellant on 18.06.2020. As per the representative of the appellant, no reply was received by the appellant.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide whatever information is available on the record. If no information is available that is being sought, the PIO was directed to send an appropriate reply on all points on an affidavit (with the ref of the respective RTI application) with a copy to the Commission. The information was to be provided within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

Hearing dated 07.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent is absent. The Commission has received a copy of the letter from the PIO through email stating that in compliance with the order of the Commission, the information/reply on all points of the RTI application has been provided to the appellant on 15.03.2021 on an affidavit with a copy to the Commission.

As per the representative present on behalf of the appellant, the appellant has received the same.

However, the appellant has raised a pertinent point that replies to the RTI applications by this public authority not being replied to in a coherent manner. As per the appellant, the PIO is sending replies without any reference number of the RTI application, which makes it difficult for the appellants, especially those who file more than one RTI applications, to match the RTI applications and the replies.

The PIO-DEO(EE) Ludhiana is directed to handle the RTI applications carefully and reply with the appropriate reference number of the RTI application.

With the above order, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated:07.06. 2021

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State Information Commissioner



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First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (EE),
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2574 of 2020

PRESENT: Ms.Sukhjinder Kaur for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 26.05.2020 has sought information regarding criteria to be opted by private schools to fill 25% of seats reserved for the weaker section and disadvantaged group under Punjab Right of Children to free and compulsory education rules, 2011 - information falling within the meaning of section 2(f) read with section 2(j) of RTI Act generated in DEO(EE) Ludhiana regarding the matter of 25% of the seats to be reserved in private schools and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of DEO(EE) Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.07.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 24.02.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that no information is available in their record and the reply has been sent to the appellant on 18.06.2020. As per the representative of the appellant, no reply was received by the appellant.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide whatever information is available on the record. If the sought information is not available, the PIO to send an appropriate reply on all points on an affidavit with a copy to the Commission. The information was to be provided within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

Hearing dated 07.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent is absent. The Commission has received a copy of the letter from the PIO through email stating that in compliance with the order of the Commission, the information/reply on all points of the RTI application has been provided to the appellant on 15.03.2021 on an affidavit with a copy to the Commission.

As per the representative present on behalf of the appellant, the appellant has received the same.

However, the appellant has raised a pertinent point that replies to the RTI applications by this public authority not being replied to in a coherent manner. As per the appellant, the PIO is sending replies without any reference number of the RTI application, which makes it difficult for the appellants, especially those who file more than one RTI applications, to match the RTI applications and the replies.

The PIO-DEO(EE) Ludhiana is directed to handle the RTI applications carefully and reply with the appropriate reference number of the RTI application.

With the above order, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated:07.06.2021

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First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (EE),
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...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2576 of 2020

**PRESENT: Ms.Sukhjinder Kaur for the Appellant
None for the Respondent**

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 27.05.2020 has sought information regarding a total number of schools that took prior permission to divert 25% of their vacant seats reserved for the children belonging to weaker section and disadvantaged group and allot them to other categories of the students – the schools failed to take prior permission to divert the 25% of their vacant seats – action was taken against those schools and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of DEO(EE) Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.07.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 24.02.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that no information is available in their record and the reply has been sent to the appellant on 18.06.2020. As per the representative of the appellant, no reply was received by the appellant.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide whatever information available on the record. If the sought information is not available, the PIO to send an appropriate reply on all points on an affidavit with a copy to the Commission. The information was to be provided within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

Hearing dated 07.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent is absent. The Commission has received a copy of the letter from the PIO through email stating that in compliance with the order of the Commission, the information/reply on all points of the RTI application has been provided to the appellant on 15.03.2021 on an affidavit with a copy to the Commission.

As per the representative present on behalf of the appellant, the appellant has received the same.

However, the appellant has raised a pertinent point that replies to the RTI applications by this public authority not being replied to in a coherent manner. As per the appellant, the PIO is sending replies without any reference number of the RTI application, which makes it difficult for the appellants, especially those who file more than one RTI applications, to match the RTI applications and the replies.

The PIO-DEO(EE) Ludhiana is directed to handle the RTI applications carefully and reply with the appropriate reference number of the RTI application.

With the above order, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

**Chandigarh
Dated:07.06.2021**

**Sd/-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner**



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First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (EE),
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2577of 2020

PRESENT: Ms.Sukhjinder Kaur for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 26.05.2020 has sought information regarding the total number of students provided free education under section 3 of the right of children to free and compulsory education Act 2009 from 01.01.2012 and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of DEO(EE) Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 06.07.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 24.02.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that no information is available in their record and the reply has been sent to the appellant on 18.06.2020. As per the representative of the appellant, no reply was received by the appellant.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide whatever information available on the record. If the sought information is not available, the PIO to send an appropriate reply on an affidavit with a copy to the Commission. The information was to be provided within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

Hearing dated 07.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent is absent. The Commission has received a copy of the letter from the PIO through email stating that in compliance with the order of the Commission, the information/reply on all points of the RTI application has been provided to the appellant on 15.03.2021 on an affidavit with a copy to the Commission.

As per the representative present on behalf of the appellant, the appellant has received the same.

However, the appellant has raised a pertinent point that replies to the RTI applications by this public authority not being replied to in a coherent manner. As per the appellant, the PIO is sending replies without any reference number of the RTI application, which makes it difficult for the appellants, especially those who file more than one RTI applications, to match the RTI applications and the replies.

The PIO-DEO(EE) Ludhiana is directed to handle the RTI applications carefully and reply with the appropriate reference number of the RTI application.

With the above order, the case is **disposed of and closed**.



Sh. Rohit Sabharwal,
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... Appellant

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O/o DEO (EE),
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o DEO (EE),
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2578 of 2020

PRESENT: Ms.Sukhjinder Kaur for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 27.05.2020 has sought information regarding year-wise & school-wise details of children got admission in different schools in compliance with rule 7(5) of Punjab Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules 2011 – total number of children could not get admissions – date of draw of lots conducted to provide admissions – action taken against the schools failed to provide admissions to students and other information as enumerated in the RTI application from the office of DEO(EE) Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 02.07.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 24.02.2021 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that no information is available in their record and the reply has been sent to the appellant on 18.06.2020. As per the representative of the appellant, no reply was received by the appellant.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to relook at the RTI application and provide whatever information available on the record. If the sought no information is not available, the PIO to send an appropriate reply on all points on an affidavit with a copy to the Commission. The information be provided within 15 days of the receipt of the order.

Hearing dated 07.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent is absent. The Commission has received a copy of the letter from the PIO through email stating that in compliance with the order of the Commission, the information/reply on all points of the RTI application has been provided to the appellant on 15.03.2021 on an affidavit with a copy to the Commission.

As per the representative present on behalf of the appellant, the appellant has received the same.

However, the appellant has raised a pertinent point that replies to the RTI applications by this public authority not being replied to in a coherent manner. As per the appellant, the PIO is sending replies without any reference number of the RTI application, which makes it difficult for the appellants, especially those who file more than one RTI applications, to match the RTI applications and the replies.

The PIO-DEO(EE) Ludhiana is directed to handle the RTI applications carefully and reply with the appropriate reference number of the RTI application.

With the above order, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated:07.06.2021

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O/o Chief Vigilance Officer,
Deptt of Local Bodies,
Govt of Pb, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Vigilance Officer,
Deptt of Local Bodies,
Govt of Pb, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1154 of 2020

PRESENT: Ms.Sukhjinder Kaur for the Appellant
Sh.Rajiv Sagar, PIO for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 12.11.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the complaint letter dated 09.04.2019 filed against the huge corruption prevailing in the building branch of MC Ludhiana that under the pretext of challans issued under section 269 of Punjab MC Act 1976, by taking protection money in return, allows the illegal compoundable construction to get completed and other information concerning the office of Chief Vigilance Officer, Department of Local Bodies, Govt of Punjab Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided with the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 26.12.2019 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing the first appeal, the PIO-CVG, Department of Local Govt. sent a reply to the appellant vide letter dated 13.01.2020 stating that the enquiry is pending, the information cannot be provided.

The case first came up for hearing on 24.08.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to a network problem, the VC could not take place. The Commission received a letter from the PIO dated 17.08.2020 stating that since the enquiry has not yet been completed, the information cannot be provided. The case was adjourned.

On the date of the hearing on **01.03.2021**, the representative appeared on behalf of the appellant pleaded that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent present pleaded that since the enquiry is still pending, the information cannot be provided.

Having gone through the RTI application and hearing both the parties, the Commission directed the PIO to provide whatever action has been taken on the complaint of the appellant along with documents generated and all correspondence made/notings during the enquiry proceedings. The information be provided within 15 days.

Hearing dated 07.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. As per the respondent, the information has been provided to the appellant.

As per the representative of the appellant, the appellant has received the information but the same is not legible

The PIO is directed to provide legible copies, and if no further information is available on the application, the PIO to state that whatever information has been provided is complete and true.

With the above order, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Chandigarh
Dated 07.06.2021

Sd-
(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner



Sh.Sarabjeet Singh Gill,
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Street No-8, Maha Singh Nagar,
P.O Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Deptt of Local Bodies,
Govt of Pb, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, Deptt of Local Bodies,
Govt of Pb, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1180 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
Sh.Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector O/o ATP for the Respondent.

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 30.12.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the complaints of S.Amarjit Singh Dhamotia dated 27.12.2019 against encroachment on public land – the name of inspecting officer – a copy of diary register – statement of concerned parties – finding violation status and other information concerning the office of Department of Local Bodies, Govt of Punjab Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed the first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 31.10.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing on 24.08.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to a network problem, the VC could not take place. The appellant vide email sought exemption. In the same email, the appellant informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

On the date of the last hearing on **01.03.2021**, both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 07.06.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana/Mohali. The respondent present pleaded that since the complaint was filed by Amarjit Singh Dhamotia against encroachments on public land in NAC-Zone-C, Ludhiana, the complaint of the complainant was sent to the Commissioner, MC Ludhiana for necessary action. Further, since the information sought by the appellant Sarabjeet Singh relates to Commissioner, MC Ludhiana, the RTI application was transferred to them under section 6(3) of the RTI Act on 10.01.2020 with a copy to the appellant, hence necessary action has been taken on the complaint and the reply has been sent to the appellant again on 14.09.2020.

The appellant is absent on 2nd consecutive occasions to pursue his case.

The case is **disposed of and closed** for non-pursuance by the appellant.

Chandigarh
Dated 07.06.2021

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner