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



(Regd. Post) Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu (M: 9779928472)
H. No. 153, Akash Nagar, Near Green Land School,
P.O. Central Post Office, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana (141008) Punjab
V/s.

Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education),
Fatehgarh Sahib.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Directorate Of Public Instructions (Elementary Education), Punjab,
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3956 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI application is 09.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 12.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 02.09.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu states that no information has been supplied to him till date and further requests for the same.

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

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant till date and moreover nobody appears from the concerned department.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education), Fatehgarh Sahib, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 08.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 08.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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

Dated: 07.12.2021

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Show Cause:
(Regd. Post)

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Encl. RTI Application

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Hoshiarpur (Punjab).

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Directorate Of Public Instructions (Elementary Education), Punjab,

S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3960 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu is present.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI application is 09.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 12.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 02.09.2021.

In today's hearing, the Superintendent, Sh. Satish Kumar states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant vide letter dated 29.11.2021 and the cover letter of the same has been sent to the Commission as well which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan states that the information which has been provided to him vide letter dated 29.11.2021 has been received by him on 04.12.2021 and further requests for some time for pointing out deficiencies to the concerned department.

In view of above, the request of the Appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan has been accepted and further an opportunity is given to the Appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan and he is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, **failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

The concerned PIO is directed to **supply the requisite point wise information as per RTI (after removing the deficiencies which would be pointed out by the Appellant)** to the Appellant by registered post or email **along with a copy to the Commission** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant **again**, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to **08.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **08.03.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu (M: 9463989230)

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V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education),

Roopnagar. (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Directorate Of Public Instructions (Elementary Education), Punjab,

S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3958 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu is present.

Ms. Jaskiran Kaur, Clerk is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI application is 09.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 12.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 02.09.2021.

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

On the other hand, Clerk, Ms. Jaskiran Kaur states that the information which has been requested by the Appellant through his RTI is 10 years old and it could not be shared as per the letter of the Government dated 09.08.2021 and the same has been intimated to the Appellant as well. She further states that if he requires any particular information then he could tell the department in writing well in time and the same would be provided to the Appellant.

On asking the interest from the Appellant in gathering the information from the concerned department to which the Appellant states that no selection process is available on website and moreover he wanted to know if the deserving candidate got selected or not, **to which the reason was found to be satisfactory in nature to the undersigned.**

In view of above, concerned PIO is directed to **supply the requisite point wise information as per RTI** to the Appellant by registered post or email **along with a copy to the Commission** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant **again**, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, **failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

This case is adjourned to **08.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **08.03.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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Hoshiarpur. (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Directorate Of Public Instructions (Elementary Education), Punjab,

S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3963 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu is present.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI application is 09.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 12.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 02.09.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan states that no information has been supplied to him till date and further states that the department has requested for fees against the information after 40 days from the date of his RTI.

On the other hand, the Superintendent, Sh. Satish Kumar states that the date of RTI Application is 09.06.2021 and they have requested for fees from the Appellant against the information (comprising of 7500 pages) vide letter dated 16.06.2021 and further also mentions that the Appellant has again written a letter to them on 12.07.2021 asking about particulars of the information comprising of 7500 pages and the concerned department has sent the details to the Appellant relating to information vide letter dated 20.07.2021.

After going through concerned letters (dated 16.06.2021 along with a letter dated 20.07.2021 of the department and a letter dated 12.07.2021 of the Appellant) which were already attached in the file while filing the case before the Commission from the Appellant, **I am of the view that the Appellant be directed to submit the requisite fees as per RTI Act, 2005 against the information to the concerned department within three weeks from today and if he fails to deposit the requisite fees to the concerned department then it would be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.**

Also, the concerned PIO is directed to **supply the requisite point wise information as per RTI Application to the Appellant only if the Appellant would deposit the requisite fees to them well in time** and the PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would be sent to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to **08.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **08.03.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Amritpal Singh, S/o Sh. Avtar Singh,**
H. No. 263 A / 13, Street No. 08, Hussainpura East, Amritsar.
Pin : 143001, Mob. : 98153-62281

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Secretary,
Local Government Department Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Plot No. 3, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**
O/o The Secretary,
Local Government Department Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Plot No. 3, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3952 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

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

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI application is 24.05.2021, the date of First Appeal is 24.06.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 02.09.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date and further requests for the same.

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

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant till date and moreover nobody appears from the concerned department.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Secretary, Local Government Department Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 3, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 08.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 08.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Show Cause:

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Secretary,
Local Government Department Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Plot No. 3, Chandigarh. **{Encl. RTI Application}**

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Harnek Singh, S/o Sh. Dhan Singh,
R/o Village Kheri Jattan, Tehsil Dhuri,
District Sangrur (M: 94636-11513)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Dhuri (Sangrur).

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3923 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Harnek Singh is absent.
Sh. Aakash Taneja, Patwari from Dhuri is present.

ORDER:

The date of RTI application is 19.01.2021, the date of First Appeal is 16.03.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 01.09.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Harnek Singh is absent.

On the other hand, the Patwari, Sh. Aakash Taneja states that the information relating to point number 1, 2, 3 and 5 relates with them and can only be collected from them by the Appellant after depositing the concerned Government Fees (ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਫੀਸ) to them by visiting at their office. He further states that the information relating to point number 4 could be collected by the Appellant directed from the office of Sadar Congo, Sangrur and the information relating to point number 6 could be collected from the office of Farad Kendra, Dhuri.

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Harnek Singh is directed to collect the concerned information from the concerned department after depositing the Government fees (ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਫੀਸ) to them and the Appellant is further directed to appear on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software, failing which it would be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

A copy of this order be sent to the Appellant through registered post.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing and the concerned PIO is also directed to appear on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

This case is adjourned to 08.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 08.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Ranjit Singh, (M: 86991-49400)
98, Beant Nagar, PAP Line, Jalandhar. (Pin: 144006)
V/s.

Complainant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer, (East- I),
Jalandhar.
(Encl. RTI Application)

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1082 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Complainant, Sh. Ranjit Singh is present.
Sh. Tarlochan Singh, Clerk is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI application is 19.01.2021 and the date of Complaint filed in the Commission is 24.08.2021.

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

On the other hand, the Clerk, Sh. Tarlochan Singh states that this information relates with 3rd party information and could not be supplied.

After going through the RTI application, I am of the view that the concerned PIO should supply the requisite information to the Complainant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant till date.

The PIO is also advised to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Complainant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, from the file, it has been observed that the notice of hearing which was sent to the department has been returned back by the postal services with the comments on it as '**Refused**'.

A copy of this order along with the RTI application be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

Also, the Complainant, Sh. Ranjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 08.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 08.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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(Regd. Post) **Ms. Kadambini (Advocate)**
4125, Abohar Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib (152028)
V/s. **Appellant**

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Sri Muktsar Sahib,
(KKP Road, Muktsar).

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Sri Muktsar Sahib. **Respondent**

Appeal Case No. 3883 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Ms. Kadambini is present.
Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, Clerk along with Ms. Jagdeep Kaur, Clerk is present.

ORDER:

The date of RTI application is 05.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 14.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 24.08.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Ms. Kadambini states that there is lot of delay in providing her the information. She further states that she has received the information relating to point number 01 which is satisfactory in nature and no or incomplete information has been supplied to her relating to point number 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the RTI Application.

On the other hand, the Clerk, Sh. Sukhwinder Singh and Clerk, Ms. Jagdeep Kaur state that the information has been sent to the Appellant vide dated 01.09.2021 and whatever information was available with them has already been supplied to the Appellant.

Commission takes a serious view against the department as it has been found that the representative of the department is not prepared relating to this present case.

After discussing the same with the parties, it has been found that the concerned PIO has to give a written submission relating to one point in which the PIO has to clarify apart from this no other construction has to be done on the concerned place as mentioned in the RTI.

In view of above all the concerned parties / persons are directed to appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case.

The concerned PIO is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to the RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The Appellant is also directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which it would be presumed that the Appellant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 23.02.2022 at 11:30 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 23.02.2022 which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector -16, Chandigarh.

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Appellant

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Sector 35-A, Plot No. 3, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**
O/o The Secretary,
Local Government Department, Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Plot No. 3, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3827 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI application is 02.02.2021, the date of First Appeal is 10.03.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 24.08.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date and further requests for the same.

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

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant till date and moreover nobody appears from the concerned department.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Secretary, Local Government Department Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 3, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

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



(Regd. Post) Sh. Ranjit Singh, (M: 86991-49400)
98, Beant Nagar, PAP Line, Jalandhar. (Pin: 144006)
V/s.

Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer, (East- I),
Jalandhar.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director Public Instructions, (EE),
Punjab, S.A.S Nagar, Mohali

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3816 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Ranjit Singh is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI application is 17.11.2020, the date of First Appeal is 20.12.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 24.08.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ranjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date and further requests for the same.

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

While the hearing of this case started, the Clerk, Sh. Trilochan Singh and ETT Teacher, Ms. Santosh Kumari disconnected from the Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant till date and moreover nobody appears from the concerned department.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Block Primary Education Officer, (East- I), Jalandhar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Ranjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 08.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 08.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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

Dated: 07.12.2021

Show Cause:

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer, (East- I),
Jalandhar. **{Encl. RTI Application}**

**Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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(Regd. Post) **Ms. Mohinder Kaur, (93573-33336)**
B- VIII /481, Street No. Zero –B, Nanak Nagri,
Abohar, District Fazilka.

Complainant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Director Public Instructions, (Primary),
Punjab, S.A.S Nagar, Sector 62, PSEB Complex (Mohali)

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1107 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Complainant, Ms. Mohinder Kaur is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI application is 05.04.2021 and the date of Complaint filed in the Commission is 01.09.2021.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Ms. Mohinder Kaur states that no information has been supplied to him till date and further requests for the same.

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

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Complainant till date and moreover nobody appears from the concerned department.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Director Public Instructions, (Primary), Punjab, S.A.S Nagar, Mohali, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Complainant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Complainant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Complainant, Ms. Mohinder Kaur is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Late Kuldip Raj Mahajan,**
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road,
Pathankot (M: 98143-54649)

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 01,
Bathinda.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**
O/o The Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,
Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1637 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 21.09.2021 in which it was discussed that the Appellant has only received the cover letter but not the information.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that no information has been supplied to him and further states that the status of this present case is same as it was on the last date of hearing, as only the cover letter has been sent to him not the information.

None is present from the Department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant till date and moreover nobody appears from the concerned department.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 01, Bathinda, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Ranjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

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Dated: 07.12.2021

Show Cause:

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 01,
432, Zila Prabhandak Complex,
Bathinda. **{Encl. RTI Application}**

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State Information Commissioner
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