



Manvinder Singh Gill
S/o Sh. Jaskaran Singh,
H. No. 60, Gurteg Bahadur Nagar,
Kotkapura Road, Street No. 1,
Sri Muktsar Sahib -152026 (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 646 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manvinder Singh Gill, 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 31.05.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 24.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.11.2020,

- i) The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh was directed to ensure compliance of the order dated 07.01.2020 by deducting the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 07.01.2020) from the salary of the concerned PIO.
- ii) The directions were also given to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh to intimate that who is posted/designated as PIO in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.
- iii) A copy of the order alongwith orders dated 07.01.2020 was sent to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport with the advice to intervene into the matter for making functionaries of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot more sensitive and responsible towards the implementation of the RTI Act and also to ensure compliance of the order dated 07.01.2020 passed by the Commission regarding penalty, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.
- iv) The complainant, Sh. Manvinder Singh Gill, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

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

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4565 dated 05.02.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing due to preoccupation with the Municipal Elections and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, 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.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the orders dated 07.01.2020 passed by the Commission, through which a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.

Nevertheless, A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 07.01.2020 be sent through registered post to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh with the advice to ensure compliance of the order dated 07.01.01.2020 passed by the Commission regarding penalty, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot by the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

And send a copy of the compliance report to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 10th May, 2021 (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 : 8th February, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

Encl : orders dated 07.01.2020

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Jaspal Singh S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh,
New Bedi Colony, Phase – II,
Backside Bhagat Singh Colony,
Ferozepur City (152002) (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer
(Regd. Post) O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot (Punjab)

Encl : Order dated 28.01.2020

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Jiwandee Building, Sector 17,
Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1221 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh and none appeared from office of Secretary, Regional Transport
Authority, Faridkot.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 22.10.2018. First appeal is dated 16.01.2019. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.03.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.11.2020,

- i) The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh was directed to ensure compliance of the order dated 28.01.2020 by deducting the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 28.01.2020) from the salary of the concerned PIO.
- ii) The directions were also given to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh to intimate that who is posted/designated as PIO in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.
- iii) A copy of the order alongwith orders dated 28.01.2020 was sent to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport with the advice to intervene into the matter for making functionaries of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot more sensitive and responsible towards the implementation of the RTI Act and also to ensure compliance of the order dated 28.01.2020 passed by the Commission regarding penalty, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.

The appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

In today's hearing, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent, appeared from office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh but none came present from office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.

Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent, of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, orally intimates the Commission that Sh. Gurnam Singh, the then PIO concerned, when the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed vide orders dated 28.01.2020, is under suspension and presently Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Junior Assistant is designated as PIO.

The respondent PIO office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot through a reply vide letter no. 4564 dated 05.02.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing due to preoccupation with the Municipal Elections and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

As there is no documents in the case-file, which shows that the required information has been given to the appellant, hence, final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, 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.

Nevertheless, A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 28.01.2020 be sent through registered post to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh with the advice to ensure compliance of the order dated 28.01.2020 passed by the Commission regarding penalty, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot by the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

And send a copy of the compliance report to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 10th May, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner
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i) The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

Encl : orders dated 28.01.2020

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Sat Pal Sharma,
H. No. 3623, Street No.1,
Durgapuri, Haibowal Kalan,
Distt.-Ludhiana (Punjab)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 174 of 2016

Present : Sh. Sat Pal Sharma, the appellant in person.
Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner O/o Local Govt., Pb., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.11.2020, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) was imposed upon Sh. Vijay Kumar, who was PIO (as per version of the appellant), when the RTI application was moved and is presently posted in the office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh for holding guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of the order was sent to Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh to ensure the compliance of the above-said order.

The appellant, Sh. Sat Pal Sharma appeared in person in today's hearing.

Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner of office of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that further requests that penalty, which was imposed upon him vide orders dated 09.11.2020, be waived off as he was not the PIO when the RTI application dated 01.08.2014 was moved by the appellant and a show-cause notice was also issued to the concerned PIO vide orders dated 09.05.2017 by the Commission and he has joined in the office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana in June, 2017.

He (Sh. Vijay Kumar) also states that during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case (onwards June, 2017) vide letter no. 174 dated 11.08.2017, a reply was sent to the Commission (which was received in the Commission vide Diary No. 11444 dated 12.06.2019), intimating that the letter no. 5592 dated 18.03.2014, (regarding which the information was demanded) was received by Sh. Arun Khanna, Building Inspector on 31.03.2014 and afterwards no enquiry was done by him and in connection with that an affidavit was also attached with the reply signed by him. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

He (Sh. Vijay Kumar) further intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 08.02.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2947 dated 08.02.2021, with the request that penalty of Rs. 10,000/-, which was imposed upon him (Sh. Vijay Kumar) vide orders dated 09.1.2020, be waived off as he had given proper reply during his posting in office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, moreover, he was not the PIO when the RTI application was moved. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

After going through the oral-submission, made by Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner during the proceedings of the hearing held through Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' and also after going through the written-submission dated 08.02.2021 made by Sh. Vijay Kumar, it is found that the explanation given by him is genuine as he was not the PIO when the RTI application was moved, moreover, he had given proper reply during his tenure of posting in office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, which reflects that there is no malafide intention on his part in supplying the requisite information. In view of the explanation, the order dated 09.11.2020 (through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/-, which was imposed upon Sh. Vijay Kumar, who is presently posted in the office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh) is withdrawn.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that complete information was already supplied by the respondent PIO to the appellant and for remaining information regarding letter no. 5592 dated 18.03.2014 (regarding which the information was demanded) an affidavit was also given to him (the appellant), which reflects that the appellant is more concerned about penalty and unnecessarily trying to linger on the case.

In view of all the above, no cause of action is required to be taken in this case, the case is announced as disposed of and closed.

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Kuldeep Singh
S/o Sh. Gurnam Singh,
C/o Sh. Nikhil Batta, Advocate,
Chamber No. 543, Yadvindra Court Complex,
Patiala(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Technical Education
& Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab
Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Assistant Director
(Administration Branch)
O/o The Director , Technical Education
& Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab
Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)
- iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Controller
(Finance & Account)
O/o The Director, Technical Education
& Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab
Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Technical Education
& Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab
(I T Wing) Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 259 of 2020

Present : Sh. J. M. Singh, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 13.05.2019. First appeal is dated 07.12.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.11.2020,

- i) Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director, stated that whatever relates to his office, was given to the appellant and part information in connection with point no. 03, 07 and 08 of the RTI request relates with branch of Assistant Director (Administration Branch) and part information in connection with point no. 01, 02, 04, 05, 06 and 09 of the RTI request relates with branch of Deputy Controller (Finance & Account) of Accounts Branch.
- ii) Accordingly, PIO of office of Public Information Officer office of Assistant Director (Administration Branch) and Deputy Controller (Finance & Accounts) of Accounts Branch, were impleaded as necessary parties in this case and directions were given to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries mentioned above (whatever relates to their office) raised by the appellant through RTI request.

Sh. J. M. Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Kuldeep Singh in today's hearing, states that information at point no. 09 of the RTI request is still pending.

Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information of 72 pages has been sent to the appellant through registered post on 04.02.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 76 dated 04.02.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 828 dated 05.02.2021. It is taken on record.

As the required information is sent to the appellant by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 04.02.2021 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received complete information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 04.02.2021 and if information at point no. 09 of the RTI request would found remaining, the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies, if any, mentioning the points regarding information is pending, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (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 : 8th February, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Rakesh Kumar
S/o Sh. Nem Chand,
C/o Pankaj Verma, Advocate,
Chamber No. 506,
Yadvindra Court Complex,
Patiala (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary to
Government of Punjab,
Department of Technical Education and
Industrial Training, Punjab,
Sector 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Technical Education and
Industrial Training, Punjab,
Sector 9, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 160 of 2020

Present : Sh. J. M. Singh, appeared on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Attinder Pal Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO(Tech. Edu. – I Branch), on
behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 08.02.2019. First appeal is dated 01.12.2019. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.11.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was
directed to facilitate the appellant or his authorized representative to inspect the relevant official
record on 23.11.2020 at 11:00 A. M. and to supply the required information, which would be
identified by the appellant after inspection, to him. An opportunity was also given to the appellant
to confirm whether he has received the information, or not and also to point out deficiencies, if
any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the
same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Attinder Pal Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO(Tech. Edu. – I Branch), who
appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant intimated
that he is not able to visit office to inspect the relevant official record on 23.11.2020 (which was
fixed for inspection).

Sh. J. M. Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar in
today's hearing, states that the appellant has specified the number of complaints (regarding
which the information has been sought) and their file-noting but no information has been given till
date.

Sh. Attinder Pal Singh states that enquiry is still pending on the complaints,
regarding which the information has been sought.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to
inspect the relevant official record on 24.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required
information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 24.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information and also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.

Sh. Attinder Pal Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO(Tech. Edu. – I Branch), would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

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

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Labh Singh Sandhu
S/o Sh. Harwinder Singh Advocate,
Chamber No.573, Yadvindra Court Complex,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Director,
Technical Education
& Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab
Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 684 of 2018

Present : Sh. J. M. Singh on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 21.04.2018. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 22.06.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.11.2020, the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to send a proper reply to the queries raised by complainant through his RTI request to him with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the above-mentioned reply(which would be sent by the respondent) or not.

Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that a reply in the shape of 'self-declaration' has been sent to the complainant through registered post on 05.02.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 86 dated 05.02.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 08.02.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Sh. J. M. Singh, who appeared on behalf of the complainant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu in today's hearing, states that no information/reply has been received by the complainant from the respondent PIO till date.

As the reply is sent to the complainant by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 05.02.2021 and probably the same would be received by the complainant within coming two or three days.

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the reply, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 05.02.2021 and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 31st March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Labh Singh Sandhu
S/o Sh. Harwinder Singh Advocate,
Chamber No. 573, Yadvindra Court Complex,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Director,
Technical Education
& Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab
Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 685 of 2018

Present : Sh. J. M. Singh on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 21.04.2018. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 22.06.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.11.2020, the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to send a proper reply to the queries raised by complainant through his RTI request to him with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the above-mentioned reply (which would be sent by the respondent) or not.

Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that a reply in the shape of 'self-declaration' has been sent to the complainant through registered post on 05.02.2021.

Sh. J. M. Singh, who appeared on behalf of the complainant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu in today's hearing, states that no information/reply has been received by the complainant from the respondent PIO till date.

As the reply is sent to the complainant by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 05.02.2021 and probably the same would be received by the complainant within coming two or three days.

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the reply, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 05.02.2021 and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

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(Regd. Post) **Rajinder Pal Sharma,**
Street No. 04, Farid Nagar,
T – Point, G. T. Road,
Rampura Phul – 151103
Distt. - Bathinda (Punjab)

Encl:Reply dated 17.11.2020

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to
Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Irrigation, Punjab,
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Engineer/Canals,
Water Resource Department, Punjab,
Sector 18, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Secretary to
Government of Punjab,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2107 of 2020

Present : Sh. Rajinder Pal Sharma, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Inderjit Singh, Senior Assistant (Works Branch), Punjab, Chandigarh ;
ii) Sh. Gurpal Singh, S. D. O. O/o Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda, on behalf
of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 25.09.2019. First appeal is dated Nil. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.08.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 09.11.2020,

- i) The respondent through a letter no. 572/1 dated 26.10.2020, intimated that RTI request dated 25.09.2019 of the appellant was transferred to Public Information Officer office of Chief Engineer/Canals, Water Resource Department, Sector 18, Chandigarh under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act.
- ii) As the information demanded through RTI request relates with office of Chief Engineer/Canals, Water Resource Department, Punjab, Chandigarh, hence, Public Information Officer office of Chief Engineer/Canals, Water Resource Department, Sector 18, Chandigarh, was impleaded as necessary party in the instant appeal case with the directions to send the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through RTI request, with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) Since the RTI request dated 25.09.2019 of the appellant was transferred under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act to Public Information Officer office of Chief Engineer/Canals, Water Resource Department, Sector 18, Chandigarh by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 572/1 dated 26.10.2020, which is not within the stipulated period as per provisions of the Right to Information Act. Hence, Public

Information Officer office of Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Irrigation, Punjab, Chandigarh, was not exempted from further hearings of this case and directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the fixed date of hearing to clear the facts of this case.

Sh. Inderjit Singh, Senior Assistant of Works Branch, Punjab, Chandigarh, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply from office of Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda was given to the appellant vide letter no. 8511 dated 17.11.2020. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 82 dated 08.02.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Sh. Gurpal Singh, S. D. O. office of Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda, who appeared in today's hearing, states that a reply was given to the appellant vide letter no. 8511 dated 17.11.2020, which is placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Pal Sharma, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-mentioned reply till date.

Nevertheless, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to send again the above-mentioned reply given vide letter no. 8511 dated 17.11.2020, to the appellant through registered post at his residential address and send a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

A copy of the reply given by the respondent PIO vide letter no. 8511 dated 17.11.2020 be sent to the appellant alongwith this order through registered with the advice to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information/reply supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Inderjit Singh, Senior Assistant of Works Branch, Punjab, Chandigarh has requested to exempt him from personal appearance in further hearing of this case.

The request is granted and he is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case.

The case is adjourned to 10th May, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Satish Kumar
S/o Sh. Des Raj,
Village – Badal,
P. O. – Badal, Tehsil – Malout,
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal,
Rural Institute for Vocational Training,
Badal (Malout),
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1005 of 2019

Present : Sh. Satish Kumar, the appellant in person.
Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 27.09.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 25.11.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 04.01.2021, Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal, stated that the requisite information was sent to the complainant on 02.01.2021. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been sent to the complainant, through registered post on 02.01.2021 and again a reply has also been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 08 dated 05.02.202 and also sent a copy of the same to the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of annexure, is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Satish Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information supplied to him by the respondent PIO is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request as through RTI request, he has demanded information of employees, whose services have been regularized during the period from 09, October 2016 to 25th October, 2016 but the respondent has given him a copy of information for the period of year 2015.

As the reply of the respondent is not very clear, another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the complainant to inspect the relevant official record on any working day during working hours so that the complainant could identify the information. The appellant is also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on any working day during working hours to identify the information.

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

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 and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

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Date : 8th February, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Pritam Singh S/o Sh. Piar Singh,
H. No. 6212, Street No. 02,
Backside A. T. I. College,
New Janta Nagar, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's
Welfare Department. Pb.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's
Welfare Department. Pb.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1514 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. J. D. S. Gill, Agronomist of Agriculture Department, on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

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The RTI request is dated 21.12.2019. First appeal is dated 06.02.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.06.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Pritam Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. J. D. S. Gill, Agronomist of office of Agriculture Department, who appeared
on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the RTI request of the appellant
was forwarded from the office of Director, Horticulture Department and received in Agriculture
Department vide letter no. 406 dated 11.01.2021, accordingly he came present to represent this
case.

The PIO office of Director, Horticulture Department through a reply vide letter no.
407-408 dated 11.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 977 dated
12.01.2021, has intimated the Commission that the RTI request of the appellant is addressed to
office of Director, Agriculture Department, S. A. S. Nagar, hence, the RTI request of the appellant
is forwarded to the concerned office. It is taken on record.

The PIO office of Director, Agriculture Department through a reply vide letter no.
56 dated 15.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1289 dated
18.01.2021, has intimated the Commission that the information, demanded by the appellant
through RTI request, could not be supplied to him as it is 'personal information'. It is taken on
record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that information
sought for by the appellant through his RTI request is regarding details of appointment of an
employee, which is not 'personal information', hence, directions are hereby given to the
respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per
queries raised by him through RTI request.

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.

A copy of this order be sent to Public Information Officer office of the Director, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department. Pb., Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan, S. A. S. Nagar for further correspondence.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Tejinder Singh, Advocate,
Village – Bholapur,
P.O. Ramgarh, Chd. Road,
District – Ludhiana - 141123(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre,
Phase -10, Sector 64,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre,
Phase -10, Sector 64,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1518 of 2020

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 24.08.2019. First appeal is dated 03.02.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.06.2020.

Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has been sent to the appellant through registered post on 04.02.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been received by him from the respondent PIO so far.

As the information is sent to the appellant by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 04.02.2021 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the supplied information (which was sent to the appellant) with a copy of the postal receipt 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, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 04.02.2021 and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

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Rajinder Singh,
S/o Sh. Om Kumar,
V.P.O. – Kot Fatuhi,
Tehsil – Garhshankar,
Distt. – Hoshiarpur - 144519(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer(Civil),
Punjab Mandi Board,
Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector 65-A, Mandi Bhawan,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2211 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Amritpal Singh, S. D. O.-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 20.05.2020. First appeal is dated 22.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.08.2020.

Sh. Amritpal Singh, S. D. O.-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 08 dated 04.01.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 528 dated 27.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2410 dated 01.02.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which has been 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. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO and the case would be decided on merits.

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Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur
W/o Sh. Ajaipal Singh,
Village – Gumtala,
Opp. Govt. Dispensary, Ward No. 05,
Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Supdt. of Police,
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Senior Supdt. of Police,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3389 of 2020

Present : Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, the appellant in person.
Sh. Satnam Singh, A. S. I., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 15.07.2020. First appeal is dated 21.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.11.2020.

Sh. Satnam Singh, A. S. I., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information of three pages has already been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 162-64 dated 22.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2239 dated 29.01.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record. .

The appellant, Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information supplied to her by the respondent PIO is not as per queries raised by her through RTI request as through RTI request, she has demanded a copy of enquiry report on a complaint 252126 dated 10.05.2020, but the respondent has given her a copy of 'event call report' made on 10.05.2020

As the reply of the respondent is not very clear, another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a point wise reply under signatures of the concerned PIO, to each and every query raised by the appellant through her RTI request, to the appellant as well as a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

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Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur
W/o Sh. Ajaipal Singh,
Village – Gumtala,
Opp. Govt. Dispensary,
Ward No. 05,
Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Supdt. of Police,
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Senior Supdt. of Police,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3067 of 2020

Present : Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, the appellant in person.
Sh. Satnam Singh, A. S. I., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 15.07.2020. First appeal is dated 17.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.10.2020.

Sh. Satnam Singh, A. S. I., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 132-34 dated 20.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1783 dated 25 .01.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information/reply supplied to her is not clear.

As the reply of the respondent is not very clear, another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a point wise reply under signatures of the concerned PIO, to each and every query raised by the appellant through her RTI request, to the appellant as well as a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

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W/o Sh. Ajaipal Singh,
Village – Gumtala,
Opp. Govt. Dispensary, Ward No. 05,
Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Supdt. of Police,
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Senior Supdt. of Police,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3441 of 2020

Present : Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, the appellant in person.
Sh. Satnam Singh, A. S. I., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 07.07.2020. First appeal is dated 09.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.08.2020.

Sh. Satnam Singh, A. S. I., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information of twenty eight pages has already been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 129-31 dated 20.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1784 dated 25.01.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record. .

The appellant, Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information supplied to her by the respondent PIO is not as per queries raised by her through RTI request, as through RTI request, she has demanded a copy of complaint no. 1262/11-5-2020 but the respondent has given him a copy of complaint no. 956.

On this, Sh. Satnam Singh, A. S. I., states that a joint enquiry was done on some of the complaints including 1262/11-5-2020 and five other complaints.

As the reply of the respondent is not very clear, another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a point wise reply under signatures of the concerned PIO, to each and every query raised by the appellant through her RTI request, to the appellant as well as a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

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