



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

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Mechanical Drainage Division,
Nanagal Township,
Roopnagar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Draining Circle,
Patiala(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2743 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 01.06.2020. First appeal is dated 06.07.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.09.2020.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 365-66 dated 22.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2740 dated 04.02.2021, has intimated the Commission that the required information has been given to the appellant vide letter no. 2995-97 dated 15.09.2020 through registered post. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan through a letter dated 05.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he has not received the complete information. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is 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 by the next date of hearing.

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

Another opportunity is also given to both the parties 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'

The case is adjourned to 26th May, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 8th March, 2021



Baldev Raj
S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,
Village – Lakhewali Dhab,
P. O.- Kheowali,
Teh. & Distt. – Fazilka - 152123(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Eastern Canal Division,
Ferozeopur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Ferozepur Canal Circle,
Ferozepur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2748 of 2020

Present : Sh. Baldev Raj, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 18.05.2020. First appeal is dated 05.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.09.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Baldev Raj, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the complete information.

An opportunity is 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 by the next date of hearing.

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

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO 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'

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Amritpal Singh
S/o Sh. Avtar Singh,
H. No. 263 A/13, Street No. 08,
Hussainpura(East)
Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board,
Kapurthala (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. 2760 of 2020

Present : Sh. Amritpal Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Balbir Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 02.07.2020. First appeal is dated 06.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.09.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received only reply from the respondent not any single document of information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Balbir Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that required fee of Rs. 2208/- was demanded from the appellant vide letter no. 1145 dated 11.08.2020 for certified copies of information, which is placed in the case-file.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 15.03.2021 at 11:00 A. M to identify the required information and collect the same.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 15.03.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information. He is directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection to him, after collecting the required fee from the appellant.

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.

The case is adjourned to 26th May, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 8th March, 2021

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Jasbir Singh
S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
Village - Jalal Khera,
P. O. – Sular,
Distt. - Patiala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2106 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Ranjit Singh, Tehsildar, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 06.02.2020. First appeal is dated 16.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.08.2020.

Sh. Ranjit Singh, Tehsildar, 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 vide letter no. 268 dated 31.12.2020 through registered post.

He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 45 dated 28.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2393 dated 01.02.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply complete information to the appellant or file a proper point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request and send the same to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 26th May, 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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Jasbir Singh
S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
Village - Jalal Khera,
P. O. – Sular,
Distt. - Patiala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2105 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Ranjit Singh, Tehsildar, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 06.02.2020. First appeal is dated 16.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.08.2020.

Sh. Ranjit Singh, Tehsildar, 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 vide letter no. 6167 dated 06.03.2020 and again vide letter no. 6297 dated 14.12.2020 through registered post.

He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 6337 dated 28.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2396 dated 01.02.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply complete information to the appellant or file a proper point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request and send the same to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 26th May, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 8th March, 2021

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Punjab

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

.... Complainant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Hon'ble Minister,
Department of Health, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat,
Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Food and Drug Administration, Punjab,
Kharar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 04 of 2019

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the complainant in person.
Ms. Jasvir Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO office of Food and Drug Administration,
Kharar, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 29.09.2018. The complaint has been received in the
Commission on 17.12.2018.

Ms. Jasvir Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO office of Food and Drug Administration,
Kharar, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has
been sent to the complainant vide letter no. 949 dated 04.03.2021. She also states that a reply has
also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 950 dated 04.03.2021.

The complainant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared in person in
today's hearing, states that he has not received any reply from the respondent PIO till date

After examining the case-file, it emerges that the reply as mentioned above (vide
letter no. 950 dated 04.03.2021) has not been placed in the case-file.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to
send the above- mentioned reply alongwith annexure to the appellant as well as to the
Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received
the information 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 .

The case is adjourned to 6th April, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing
through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 8th March, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Raghav Joshi S/o Sh. Bharat Bhushan Joshi,
H. No. 27, Kangra Colony,
Near Baba Balak Nath Temple,
Amritsar(Punjab)

V/s

.... Complainant

i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Mandi Officer,
Punjab Mandi Board,
Amritsar(Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Secretary,
Market Committee, Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 661 of 2020

Present : Sh. Raghav Joshi , the complainant in person.
i) Sh. Amandeep Singh, District Mandi Officer, in person ;
ii) Sh. Sukhdip Singh, Secretary, Market Committee, Amritsar, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 31.07.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 15.09.2020.

Sh. Amandeep Singh, District Mandi Officer, Amritsar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Secretary, Market Committee, Amritsar and the same (RTI request) was transferred to Public Information Officer office of Secretary, Market Committee, Amritsar under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act with an intimation to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission a reply has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 5315 dated 15.12.2020, through an e-mail. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

He (Sh. Amandeep Singh) further states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant by the office of Secretary, Market Committee, Amritsar vide letter no. 571 dated 11.02.2021 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 626 dated 17.02.2021, which has also been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Sh. Sukhdip Singh, Secretary, office of Market Committee, Amritsar, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant by the office of Secretary, Market Committee, Amritsar. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 571 dated 11.02.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 4089 dated 22.02.2021 through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Raghav Joshi, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received information only at point no. 04 of the RTI request and rest of the information is still pending.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to PIO office of Market Committee, Amritsar, to file a reply in writing, to each and every query, raised by the appellant through RTI request to him (appellant) with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

The case is adjourned to 26th May, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 8th March, 2021

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Parmod Kumar S/o Sh. Late Sh. Hem Raj,
H. No. 2650, Watd – 12,
Near Dussehrha Ground,
Kharar, Distt. - Mohali(Punjab)

V/s

...Appellant

(Regd. Post) 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. 1445 of 2020

Present : Sh. Parmod Kumar, 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 31.05.2017. First appeal is dated 11.07.2019. Second appeal has
been received in the Commission on 09.06.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Parmod Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that
he visited the office of the respondent on 21.12.2020 and the respondent has given him a reply that case-file
is sent to office of Assistant Labour Commissioner, Punjab.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He
has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this
casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the
respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to
Public Information Officer concerned of office of Labour Commissioner, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar, as to why
penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under
the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required
information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission by the next date of
hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the
information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in
writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed.

The case is adjourned to 26th May, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing
through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Manjit Singh
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
Village – Maanne Majra,
Tehsil – Chamkaur Sahib,
Distt. Roopnagar (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
State Transport Department, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
State Transport Department, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 307 of 2020

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, 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 10.07.2019. First appeal is dated 04.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.01.2020.

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

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent on 07.12.2020, but complete information has not been given to him by the respondent PIO.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant 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.

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

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

The case is adjourned to 26th May, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 8th March, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Manjit Singh
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
Village – Maanne Majra,
Tehsil – Chamkaur Sahib,
Distt. Roopnagar (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

... Respondent

Complaint Case No. 638 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the complainant in person.
i) Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, Draftsman-cum-APIO, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 03.06.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 22.07.2019.

The complainant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information, which have not been removed till date.

Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO, who appeared in person with Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, Draftsman-cum-APIO, in today's hearing, states that the appellant did not visit the office to inspect the official record.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record today itself i. e. 08.03.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to collect the information.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the required information to the appellant during his visit to office positively.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received complete information or not.

With this, the case is adjourned to 26th May, 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 March, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Ravi Kant
S/o Sh. Sansari Lal,
Krishna Bazar, Ward – 04,
Dhariwal(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Dhariwal(Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 18 of 2020

Present : Sh. Ravi Kant , the appellant in person.
Sh. Baljit Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 09.10.2019. First appeal is dated 20.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.12.2019.

Sh. Baljit Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information given to him by the respondent PIO is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

Nevertheless, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to bring the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record to the Commission on the next date of hearing fixed.

Both the parties are directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 12th March, 2021 (Friday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Date : 8th March, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Ravi Kant
S/o Sh. Sansari Lal,
Krishna Bazar, Ward – 04,
Dhariwal(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Dhariwal(Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4417 of 2019

Present : Sh. Ravi Kant , the appellant in person.
Sh. Baljit Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 03.09.2019. First appeal is dated 03.10.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.11.2019.

Sh. Baljit Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information given to him by the respondent PIO is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

Nevertheless, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to bring the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record to the Commission on the next date of hearing fixed.

Both the parties are directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 12th March, 2021 (Friday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Date : 8th March, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Nirmal Singh(Retd. Naib Tehsildar),
H. No. 1100, Sector 69,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Khadoor Sahib,
Distt. - Tarn Taran(Punjab)

(Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Khadoor Sahib,
Distt. - Tarn Taran(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1078 of 2020

Present : Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 06.06.2019. First appeal is dated 06.08.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.03.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.01.2021,

- i) Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate (representative of the appellant) stated that incomplete information was supplied to the appellant as copies of Service-Book were given but other documents regarding educational certificates etc. as demanded through RTI request were not attached with it.
- ii) Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk, who appeared for the respondent PIO, stated that available information i. e. copy of service-book was given to the appellant and Sh. Kashmir Singh (regarding whom the information has been sought) was recruited through office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar and a reply was received from office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar vide letter no. 1291 dated 13.11.2020, reporting that no personal file of Sh. Kashmir Singh(Retired) is available in the office record.
- iii) As part of the information demanded through RTI request, relates with office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, hence, Public Information Officer office of office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, was impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to file a reply, in writing, to the query/queries (whichever relates to office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar) raised by the appellant through his RTI request dated 06.06.2019.

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- iv) Further directions were given to the Public Information Officer of office of Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib to submit a point-wise reply in an affidavit, to the queries (whichever relates to office of Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib) raised by the appellant through *RTI request, specifically* mentioning that available information was given to the appellant and rest of the information (mentioning particular query/queries), is/are not found available in the official record. If any official-record pertaining to the period regarding which the information has been sought, was weeded-out, a copy of order passed by the signing authority to destroy the record, be sent to the Commission with that affidavit.

Neither the respondent PIOs concerned (office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar and Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib) nor any of their representative are present in today's hearing.

In compliance to the order dated 25.01.2021, the Public Information Officer-cum-Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib has sent a reply in the shape of an affidavit vide letter dated 18.02.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 5072 dated 05.03.2021. It is taken on record.

Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Nirmal Singh, in today's hearing, could not make himself audible during the proceedings of the instant appeal case due to poor network connection, hence, could not intimate the status of the instant appeal-case.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the Public Information Officer office of office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, to file a reply, in writing, to the query/queries (whichever relates to office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar) raised by the appellant through his RTI request dated 06.06.2019. He/she (respondent-PIO concerned) is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post.

Another opportunity is also given to the appellant to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that the facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 26th May, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 8th March, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Jalour Singh
S/o Sh. Ralla Singh,
Sant Singh Sadique Road,
Kartar Nagar, Ward – 6,
Moga(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
Water Resources Department, Pb.,
Sector 18, Chandigarh (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
Water Resources Department, Pb.,
Sector 18, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3019 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Navdeep Kamboj, S. D. O., Drainage Division, Fazilka, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.03.2020. First appeal is dated 01.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.10.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Jalour Singh is not present in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant through registered post.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1505-06 dated 18.02.2021 signed by Executive Engineer, Water Drainage Construction Division, Ferozepur at Fazilka, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 08.03.2021, has intimated the Commission that a reply has been given to the appellant vide letter no. 1505-06 dated 18.02.2021. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO is also directed to send a copy of the supplied information (which was supplied to the appellant) with a copy of 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 has been supplied by respondent PIO) or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing. 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'.

The case is adjourned to 26th May, 2021 (Wednesday) 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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Inderjit Singh
S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh,
V.P.O. – Sabhra(Patti Narad Ki),
Tehsil – Patti,
Distt. – Tarn Taran - 143416(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Division - 2,
Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P.W.D. (B & R),
Batala Road, Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2309 of 2020

Present : Sh. Inderjit Singh , 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 19.05.2020. First appeal is dated 29.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.08.2020.

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

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1508 dated 21.01.2021 signed by Executive Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Division - 2, Amritsar, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1843 dated 25.01.2021, has intimated the Commission that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant has been given to the appellant. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Inderjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received information only at point no. 03 and 20 of the RTI request and he has pointed out deficiencies through letter dated 08.02.2021, which is placed in the case-file.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing. 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' to clear the facts of this case.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not.

The case is adjourned to 26th April, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 8th March, 2021

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Punjab

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Rajinder Kumar Sharma,
V.P.O. – Raisar,
Teh. & Distt. – Barnala - 148101(Punjab)

V/s

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Divisional Forest Officer,
Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Conservator of Forests,
South Circle, Patiala(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 552 of 2020

Present : Sh. Rajinder Kumar Sharma, the appellant in person.
Ms. Parveen Rani, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 19.08.2019. First appeal is dated 13.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.01.2020.

The hearing in the instant case, which was fixed to be heard on 24.02.2021, could not held due to technical fault in connection of network and the case was fixed for today i. e. 08.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 07.12.2020, the appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 14.12.2020 to collect the required information. The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information to the appellant on 14.12.2020 during his visit in the office. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Ms. Parveen Rani, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 03.12.2020 through registered post. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar Sharma, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received complete information till date.

Nevertheless, the respondent PIO is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on any working day during official hours so that the appellant could identify the information. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on any working day during official hours to identify the information.

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

The respondent-PIO is directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him 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 by the respondent PIO after inspection so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 26th May, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Jaskaran Singh
S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,
Village – Bahmaniwala,
Tehsil – Jalalabad,
Distt. – Fazilka – 152024 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairman,
Market Committee,
Jalalabad, Distt. – Fazilka(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Mandi Officer,
Fazilka(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1881 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jaskaran Singh, 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 24.01.2020. First appeal is dated Nil. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.07.2020.

The hearing in the instant case, which was fixed to be heard on 24.02.2021, could not held due to technical fault in connection of network and the case was fixed for today i. e. 08.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 07.12.2020,

- i) The appellant, stated that only information for the period from 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016 was given to him but information for the period from 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019 was not given to him.
- ii) The respondent-PIO was directed either to send the certified copies of the remaining information i. e. information for the period from 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019, to the appellant or send a proper reply, to the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant during the hearing, signed by himself (respondent-PIO concerned), to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Jaskaran Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information for the period from 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019 as demanded through RTI request is still pending.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 07.12.2020.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Chairman, Market Committee, Jalalabad, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent-PIO to send the certified copies of the remaining information i. e. information for the period from 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019, to the appellant as per official record or send a proper reply, to the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant during the hearing, signed by himself (respondent-PIO concerned), to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the remaining information or not, by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 26th May, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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