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#### Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta Advocate, (9814924851)

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### Versus

**Public Information Officer** O/o XEN, PWD Construction Division No 3 (B&R), Ludhiana.

#### {Encl. RTI } Public Information Officer

{Reg. Post} O/o XEN, PWD Construction Division No 1 (B&R), Ludhiana.

## **First Appellate Authority**

O/o XEN, PWD Construction Division No 3 (B&R), Ludhiana.

# Appeal Case No.2227 of 2021

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on	:	18-05-2021
PIO replied on	:	-
First appeal filed on	:	25-05-2021
First Appellate Authority order	:	-

Appellant: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta Present: Respondent: Sh. Nirpal Singh (SDO), 9501031775

# ORDER :

- 1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 07.04.2021. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
- 2. Respondent, Sh. Nirpal Singh stated that no information pertaining to this RTI application is related to his department i.e. O/o XEN, PWD Construction Division No 3 (B&R), Ludhiana. The same has been informed to the appellant dated 25.05.2021 vide letter no. 282. He further added that information sought by the appellant relates to O/o XEN, PWD Construction Division No 3 (B&R), Ludhiana.
- 3. After hearing the parties and on perusal of the relevant documents on file, the Commission found that **PIO office of** O/o XEN, PWD Construction Division No 3 (B&R), Ludhiana, is impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of RTI application be sent to the said office along with this order through registered post for their ready reference along with directions as an opportunity to provide the requisite information to the appellant and to represent this case in person or through any of his representative(s) on the next date



.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

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of hearing to clear the facts of this case, failing to which action under section 20(1) of RTI would be initiated against the concerned respondent PIO.

4. To come up on 04.01.2022 through Cisco Webex at 11:00 am.

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Chandigarh Dated: 08.09.2021 Sd/-(Maninder Singh Patti) State Information Commissioner, Pb. PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden,Sector 16, Chandigarh. Ph: 0172-2864112, Email: - <u>psic23@punjabmail.gov.in</u> Visit us: - www.infocommpunjab.com



#### Sh. Sukhchain Singh, (9463518565)

S/o Sh. Ajit Singh, Sonam Mohalla, Fatehgarh Churian, Tehsil Batala, DisttGurdaspur.

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

.....Respondent

**Public Information Officer** O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Fatehgarh Churian, Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur.

**First Appellate Authority** O/o Regional Deputy Director,

Local Govt. Amritsar.

<u>Appeal Case No.2990, 215, 217 & 218 of 2019/2020</u> (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present: Appellant: Sh. Sukhchain Singh Respondent: Sh. Harjinder Singh (Clerk), 9646872065

#### ORDER :

- 1. This case may be read in the continuity of previous order dated 09.04.2021 heard by the bench of Ld. SIC Sh. Sanjiv Garg. Accordingly, the cases are fixed for today. As both parties are same, therefore a single speaking order is being passed in all the above mentioned cases.
- 2. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI applications as an office clerk is attending in the place of PIO i.e. Executive Officer. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards the RTI Act, 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the respondent in responding to the RTI Hearing.
- 3. Keeping in view the facts of the case and the submissions made by both the parties, the Commission while expressing its deep displeasure over the casual manner in dealing with the current RTI application, directs the Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Fatehgarh Churian, Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, to appoint a responsible officer of an appropriate seniority to examine the RTI application and furnish a clear, cogent and precise reply to the Appellant as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of this order failing which penal action would be initiated in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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In case the partial information is not available in the office record then an affidavit may be filled in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

# NOTE :- The PIO (by name ) has to be present on next date of hearing to represent the above mentioned cases.

5. To come up on 04.01.2022 through Cisco Webex at 11:00 am.

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