



Bhajan Dass S/o Sh. Goma Ram,  
V.P.O. – Bhagwanpura,  
Malout - 152107(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,  
Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,  
Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1255 of 2021

Present : Sh.Vikul Puri, 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 23.10.2020. First appeal is dated 22.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 16.08. 2021 ;

- i) Sh. Vikul Puri, Advocate stated that he had not received any information in the instant appeal case.
- ii) Sh. Abhijit Singh, Junior Engineer, stated that the information demanded through RTI request relates with Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee, Bhagwanpura and the appellant was intimated about this fact through a reply vide letter no. 180 dated 02.03.2021.
- iii) As the RTI request of the appellant should have been transferred to the concerned office within stipulated time under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act and but the proper procedure was not followed by the respondent party.
- iv) Accordingly, the Public Information Officer office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division was directed either to supply the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, after collecting the same from the concerned office i. e. Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee, Bhagwanpura or if any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to send a proper written reply under his signatures in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Vikul Puri, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant in today's hearing, states that he has not received any information till date in the instant appeal case.

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, 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 16.08.2021. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Malout. **A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.**

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services  
Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services  
Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts  
Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005  
Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services  
60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-  
86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO to supply the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, after collecting the same from the concerned office i. e. Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee, Bhagwanpura (as intimated on the earlier hearing held on 16.08.2021) or if any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send a proper written reply under his signatures in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (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 : 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Sanjeev Goyal  
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,  
H. No. 148, Model Town,  
Phase – 1, Bathinda - 151001 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The General Manager,  
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation,  
Bathinda (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Bathinda(Punjab)

...Respondents

**Complaint Case No. 27 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, the appellant in person.  
i) Sh. Sita Ram, Superintendent O/o P.R.T.C., Bathinda ;  
ii) Sh. Davinder Jaura, Executive Engineer O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Bathinda, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 15.02.2019. The complaint has been received in the

Commission on 30.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 16.08. 2021 ;

- i) Sh. Raman Sharma, General Manager ; Sh. Sita Ram. Superintendent and Sh. Gurmel Singh, Senior Assistant, appeared from office of PRTC, Bathinda and Sh. Davinder Jaura, Executive Engineer appeared from office Municipal Corporation, Bathinda and stated that the required was given to the appellant.
- ii) The complainant, Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, stated that he had not received complete information from the respondent.
- iii) he appellant was advised to visit the office of respondent PIO concerned today itself on 16.08.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to take certified copies of the requisite information.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the legible and certified copies of the required information to the appellant during his visit to office on 16.08.2021.
- v) An opportunity was given to the complainant to confirm whether he 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.
- vi) As the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the orders dated 01.03.2021 passed by the Commission, through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer.
- vii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 01.03.2021 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 10,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government a copy of challan receipt be sent to Commission.

Sh. Davinder Jaura, Executive Engineer appeared from office Municipal Corporation, Bathinda, in today's hearing.

Sh. Sita Ram, Superintendent, who appeared from office of P.R.T.C., Bathinda in today's hearing, states that the required information has already been given to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer vide order dated 01.03.2021 has also been deposited and a copy of challan-receipt has also been sent to the Commission through a reply vide letter no. 905 dated 23.08.2021 (which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 19244 dated 23.08.2021). It, alongwith a copy of challan-receipt Dated 16.08.2021, is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received complete information from the respondent till date.

Sh. Sita Ram, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that if the appellant would intimate the pending information, the information would be given to him.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of respondent PIO concerned today itself on 08.11.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to identify the remaining information.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant during his visit to office on 08.11.2021 at 03:00 P. M .

The time of visit to the office of the respondent has been announced to both the parties in the open court and both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today .

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the remaining information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO or not.

The case is adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Nitin Kumar Garg  
C/o Police Public Dairy,  
15-A, Shastri Nagar,  
Model Town, Ludhiana(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Mandi Board Division,  
Kapurthala (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2433 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Balvir Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 28.02.2020. First appeal is dated 01.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.09.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 16.08. 2021 ;

- i) Sh. Balvir Singh, Superintendent, stated that whatever information is available in the official record, was supplied to the appellant and a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 150 dated 20.05.2021, intimating him that two Sub-divisions i. e. Kapurthala and Hoshiarpur comes under Executive Engineer, Punjab Mandi Board Division .
- ii) The appellant stated that he had not received information regarding list of 'works-order done'.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a written reply to the appellant, specifically mentioning that available information regarding works-order was given to the appellant and no other list of 'works-order done' apart from already given list, is available in the official record and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Balvir Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that whatever information is available in the official record, has been supplied to the appellant and for remaining information, a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 150 dated 20.05.2021. He also intimates that a reply has again been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 01.09.2021.

As the respondent PIO has neither sent any forwarding letter (through which the information has been sent to the appellant) nor sent copy of information supplied, to the Commission, hence, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the information/reply (which was sent to the appellant) to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

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An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information/reply, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 01.09.2021 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. 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 the case be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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P. S. :

The appellant, Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, appeared in person, after the hearing of the instant appeal case was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.



Lacchman Singh,  
2773, Phase – 2,  
Urban Estate,  
Patiala (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,  
Block Bhunerhari – 2,  
Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),  
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1058 of 2021**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Ms. Neeru Bala, Block Primary Education Officer, in person.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 19.10.2020. First appeal is dated 10.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.02.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.08. 2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that he visited the office of respondent on 02.06.2021 but no information was supplied to him, moreover, a warning letter vide letter no. 2011178220 dated 02.06.2021 was issued to him by the department.
- ii) He also states that a written-submission alongwith letter dated 02.06.2021 was sent to the Commission.
- iii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present , moreover, the requisite information was not supplied to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide earlier orders dated 01.06.2021.
- iv) Hence, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Ms. Neeru Bala, PIO-cum- Block Primary Education Officer, Block Bhunerheri – 2 under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- v) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- vi) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and 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

Ms. Neeru Bala, Block Primary Education Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant through registered post on 09.09.2021. She also intimates the Commission that a reply through an e-mail has also been sent to the Commission with a copy of postal-receipt, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Lacchman Singh through a letter dated 13.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as he has demanded information for the period of January 2020, which has not been given to him till date. It is taken on record.

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. 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 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Inderjeet S/o Sh. Kundan Lal,  
Street No. 5/1,  
Post Office Wali Gali,  
Raama - 151301  
Distt. - Bathinda(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Raama, Distt. – Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Complaint Case No. 259 of 2021

Present : Sh. Inderjeet, the complainant in person.

- i) Sh. Rajeev Sagggar, Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o C. V. O.(Vigilance Cell) ;
- ii) Sh. Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant (General Branch) ;
- iii) Sh. Rajesh, Junior Assistant O/o Nagar Council, Raama, for the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 23.12.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 02.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.08. 2021 ;

- i) Sh. Rajeev Sagggar, Superintendent-cum-PIO office of C. V. O.(Vigilance Cell), stated that the information sought through RTI request relates with General Branch, hence, forwarded the same to the said branch vide letter no. 1610 fated 06.05.2021.
- ii) Sh. Jang Bahadur, Senior Assistant (General Branch), stated that the RTI request of the complainant was forwarded to the office of Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Bathinda vide letter no. 22235 dated 28.05.2021 and to office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama under section 6(3) of the RTI Act vide letter no. 26446 dated 07.07.2021, to supply the required information to the complainant.
- iii) Sh. Rajesh, Junior Assistant office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama, stated that the requisite information of four pages was supplied to the complainant vide letter no. 21 dated 17.08.2021 in person. On that reply, the complainant has put his signatures on 18.08.2021 at 10:00 A. M. as an acknowledgement.
- iv) The complainant intimated that he has not received action taken report on complaint dated 04.01.2020, 17.02.2020, 18.02.2020.
- v) The complainant, was advised to visit the office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama to inspect the relevant official record on 19.08.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information .
- vi) The respondent PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama was directed to facilitate the complainant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office.

- vii) An opportunity was given to the PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the complainant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to send/file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- viii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information/reply and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time.

Sh. Rajeev Sagar, Superintendent-cum-PIO office of C. V. O.(Vigilance Cell), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information sought through RTI request relates with General Branch, hence, forwarded the same to the said branch vide letter no. 1610 fated 06.05.2021. It is placed in the case-file.

Sh. Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant (General Branch), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the RTI request of the complainant was forwarded to the office of Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Bathinda vide letter no. 22235 dated 28.05.2021 and to office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama under section 6(3) of the RTI Act vide letter no. 26446 dated 07.07.2021, to supply the required information to the complainant. Both the said replies (dated 28.05.2021 and dated 07.07.2021) are placed in the file.

Sh. Rajesh, Junior Assistant office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama, who appeared for the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in compliance to the order dated 18.08.2021, the requisite information of thirty nine pages has been supplied to the complainant on 19.08.2021. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Inderjeet, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the information supplied to him is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**(Sanjiv Garg)**

**State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**

**Date : 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**



Tirlochan Singh,  
848-A, MIG Flats,  
Jamalpur Colony,  
Ludhiana - 141010 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1019 of 2021

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell), for the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 15.08.2020. First appeal is dated 14.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.02.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.08. 2021 ;

- i) Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared for Sh. Taranpreet Singh, Advocate, (Counsel of the appellant, Sh. Sewa Singh), stated that the information supplied to the appellant is not satisfactory, moreover, not complete and through an e-mail dated 23.05.2021, certain deficiencies have been pointed out in the supplied information to the PIO.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.
- v) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to PIO concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Tirlochan Singh in today's hearing, states that information at point no. 03 is still pending and through an e-mail dated 23.05.2021, certain deficiencies were pointed out, which have not been removed till date.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Wednesday) 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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**Surat Chander,**  
144, Housing Board Colony,  
Urban Estate – 1,  
Jalandhar – 144022 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Board,  
Division No. -1, Jalandhar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Board,  
Model Town, Mall Road, Manbro Chowk,  
Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1398 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Surat Chander, 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 03.12.2020. First appeal is dated 28.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.08. 2021 ;

- i) Sh. Jitin Vasudeva, Executive Engineer, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 2277 dated 02.06.2021 in person.
- ii) The appellant states that he had not received information at point no. 02 of the RTI request, which is regarding copy of restrictions and guidelines imposed by Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar or any local and State Authority for not providing the sewerage facility of any disputed or legal case pending in any court of Village Alipur Jalandhar.
- iii) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to file a proper reply, to the query raised at point no. 02 of the RTI request mentioning that whether any order, through which any type of construction was prohibited, was passed by any State/Competent Authority during December, 2020 for not providing the sewerage facility of any disputed case and send the same to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the reply or not.

The appellant, Sh. Surat Chander, who appeared in today's hearing, states that information at point no. 02 of the RTI request has not been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

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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. Moreover, the complete 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 16.08.2021. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

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 Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Board, Division No. -1, Jalandhar 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.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information at point no. 02 of the RTI request to the appellant through registered post or through an e-mail with a copy to the Commission and directed to represent this case in person on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Sewa Singh  
S/o Sh. Bakhtaur Singh,  
V.P.O. – Gige Majra,  
Teh. & Distt. Mohali - 140307(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply & Sanitation,  
Division – 3, S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chairman,  
Gram Panchayat Water Supply  
and Sanitation Committee,  
Gige Majra,  
S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply & Sanitation,  
Division – 3, S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1203 of 2021**

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 07.09.2017. First appeal is dated 15.02.2018. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.08. 2021 ;

- i) The appellant could not make himself audible during the proceedings of the instant appeal case due to technical fault in connection of network.
- ii) Ms. Simran Kaur, Sub Divisional Engineer, stated that available information was supplied to the appellant and remaining information at point no. 06, 07 and 08 relates with office of Chairman, Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar.
- iii) As part information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Gram Panchayat Water Supply and Sanitation Committee, Gige Majra, hence, Public Information Officer office of Chairman, Gram Panchayat Water Supply and Sanitation Committee , Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar, was directed to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the queries raised at point no. 06, 07 and 08 of the RTI request, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) The appellant was advised to confirm whether he received the information or not. The appellant, Sh. Sewa Singh is not present in today's hearing. Neither the Public Information officer or any representative from office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Division – 3, S. A. S. Nagar nor Public Information Officer office of Chairman, Gram Panchayat Water Supply and Sanitation Committee, Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar is present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the Public Information Officers Chairman, Gram Panchayat Water Supply and Sanitation Committee , Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the queries raised at point no. 06, 07 and 08 of the RTI request, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. 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'. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

The Public Information Officer office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Division – 3, S. A. S. Nagar is also directed 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'. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant 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 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (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 : 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
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Ms. Tara Rani  
W/o Sh. Jaswant rai,  
Ward No. 11, Gandhi Nagar,  
Goniana Mandi - 151201,  
Distt. – Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),  
Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),  
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1233 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Ram Manohar, on behalf of the appellant.  
i) Ms. Saroj Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o D.E.O(Elem.), Bathinda ;  
ii) Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Junior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 24.11.2020. First appeal is dated 04.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.08. 2021 ;

- i) Sh. Varun Bansal, who appeared for the appellant stated that no information was supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Ms. Saroj Superintendent-cum-PIO, who appeared with Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Junior Assistant, stated that despite making lots of efforts, the information demanded through RTI request is not found traceable in the official record and was informed to the Commission vide letter dated 17.08.2021.
- iii) As the information sought through RTI request is regarding recruitment of Teaching Fellow vide advertisement dated 05.09.2007 and missing of recruitment record of a Government office is a serious matter, hence, oral-submission (made by Ms. Saroj Superintendent-cum-PIO during the hearing) as well as written-submission dated 17.08.2021 was not accepted.
- iv) Last and final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned either to put more efforts to trace out the relevant official record and supply certified copies of the required information as per official record to the appellant or if the required information is not found available/traceable in the official record, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will send a written reply in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant as well as to the Commission through registered post, stating that the required information is not available in the official record or has gone missing, mentioning the reasons whether official record is missing or destroyed or whether any FIR has been lodged regarding missing record or copy of FIR (if the record is missing) or copy of Office-order (if destruction of record has been done).

Sh. Ram Manohar, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Ms. Tara Rani in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO so far.

Ms. Saroj Superintendent-cum-PIO, who appeared in person with Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Junior Assistant in today's hearing, states that Committee of three members has been constituted to enquire the matter regarding missing of official record. She also states that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2501-02 dated 02.11.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send a written reply in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant as well as to the Commission through registered post, stating that the required information is not available in the official record or has gone missing, mentioning the reasons whether official record is missing or destroyed or whether any FIR has been lodged regarding missing record or copy of FIR (if the record is missing) or copy of Office-order (if destruction of record has been done) by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to be present with the information/reply (already supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission before the bench of the undersigned so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Wednesday) 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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Jagtar Singh  
S/o Sh. Bhajan Singh,  
Village – Mehrajwala,  
p. o. – Kang Khurd,  
Tehsil – Shahkot,  
Distt. – Jalandhar (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

The Public Information Officer  
O/o The Director,  
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Complaint Case No. 1159 of 2020

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

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.12.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 15.09.2021.

The complainant, Sh. Jagtar Singh is not present in today's hearing.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1320 dated 03.11.2021 signed by Additional Deputy Director, Panchayats, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information i. e. Pension-Book has been sent to the complainant. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Jagtar Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which has been sent by respondent PIO vide letter dated 03.11.2021) or not. 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'.

An opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO to represent this case in person or through his representative, on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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P. S. :

Sh. Lal Chand, Panchayat Officer, who appeared for the respondent, after the hearing was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.