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Appellant

(Regd. Post) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, (M: 9464500405)

Ward No. 18, Street No. 02,

Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna (141401)

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post)First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government, Punjab, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana. (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 683 of 2019

<u>{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}</u>

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

Sh. Rajesh Rehri, Assistant Municipal Engineer is present from the department.

ORDER:

Dated: 09.02.2022

This case was last heard on 18.11.2021 vide which the concerned PIO was directed to **supply the requisite pointwise information (i.e.** Tender Register from the year 2015 to year 2018 and G-25 register of the year 2016 only as per RTI) to the Appellant by registered post or email **positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information was not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date and also directed to produce a copy of FIR or accepted letter from Police Department in relating to lost documents, to the Commission, **failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.**

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing is done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that after the last order of the Commission dated 18.11.2021 no information has been supplied to him and further requests for the same. He further mentions about his email dated 09.02.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the AME, Sh. Rajesh states that the information is voluminous in nature i.e. 1241 pages and it would be sent to the Appellant. A copy of the same has been sent to the Commission yesterday i.e. 08.02.2022. He further mentions about his email dated 08.02.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

In view of above, the AME, Sh. Rajesh is directed to send the information to the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh by hand and if he doesnot accepts or he is not available then the information should be sent to the Appellant by registered post at his address by today itself.

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

This case is adjourned to **25.05.2022** at **11 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **25.05.2022** with all the requisite documents relating to this present case. This case is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, (M: 9464500405)

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Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna (141401)

Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road,

Khanna, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government, Punjab, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana. (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 684 of 2019

V/s.

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

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

Sh. Rajesh Rehri, Assistant Municipal Engineer is present from the department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 18.11.2021 vide which the concerned PIO was directed to **supply the requisite pointwise information (i.e.** estimate in relating to tender notification number LGMCOUNCIL/2017-18/298 that is "Supply of Labour for the Maintenance of Sewer City 1 and 2"as per RTI) to the Appellant by registered post or email **positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, **failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.**

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing was done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that after the last order of the Commission dated 18.11.2021 no information has been supplied to him and further requests for the same. He further mentions about his email dated 09.02.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the AME, Sh. Rajesh mentions about an affidavit signed by PIO, Sh. Charanjit Singh dated 19.10.2021 whose copy has been received in the Commission vide email dated 26.10.2021 and also mentions about an email dated 08.02.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

After going through an affidavit dated 19.10.2021, I am of the view that the PIO concerned is directed to supply the attested copy of letters vide which the missing report has been done to the SSP office vide letter number 2225 dated 08.03.2021, vide letter number 2415 dated 25.03.2021 and letter number 2881 dated 22.07.2021 along with its receiving from the SSP office (i.e. diary number) and also the concerned PIO is directed to supply the original affidavit dated 19.10.2021 to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

If the concerned PIO failed to do so then a strict action would be recommended against him.

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

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This case is adjourned to 25.05.2022 at 11 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 25.05.2022 with all the requisite documents relating to this present case. This case is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

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Sd/(Sanjiv Garg)

Dated: 09.02.2022

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Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road,

Khanna, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

> **O/o** The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government, Punjab, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana. (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2209 of 2018

V/s.

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

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

Sh. Rajesh Rehri, Assistant Municipal Engineer is present from the department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 18.11.2021 vide which the concerned PIO was directed to supply the requisite pointwise information (i.e. information relating to point number 03 as per RTI) to the Appellant by registered post or email positively (along with a copy to the Commission) and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing was done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that after the last order of the Commission dated 18.11.2021 no information has been supplied to him and further requests for list of employees. He further mentions about his email dated 09.02.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the AME, Sh. Rajesh states that the information is with the contractor and they just know the numbers of workers which were working and apart from that they doesnot have any other information. He further mentions about his email dated 08.02.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

In view of above, the AME, Sh. Rajesh is directed to go through the previous order of the Commission dated 18.11.2021 thoroughly and supply the information (i.e. relating to point number 3) to the Appellant by registered post or email positively (along with a copy to the Commission) and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

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

The Show cause notice which was issued to the concerned PIO dated 04.01.2021 stands and further the PIO, Sh. Charanjit Singh is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents on the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh is directed to go through the supplied information (after receiving the same from the department)and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

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Appeal Case No. 2209 of 2018

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}





This case is adjourned to **25.05.2022** at **11 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **25.05.2022** with all the requisite documents relating to this present case. This case is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts (M: 98767-23012)

H. No. B-V-1534, Street No. 01, Lajpat Nagar, Abohar, District Fazilka (152116) Punjab

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government, Sector35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government, Sector35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 430 of 2021

V/s.

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar is present.

Sh. Jasbir Singh, PIO –cum- Superintendent LG 3 Branch is present from the department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 18.11.2021 vide which the concerned PIO was directed to **supply the requisite information (i.e.** pointwise as per RTI) to the Appellant by registered post or email **positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, **failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.**

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing was done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar states that whatever information has been supplied to him is wrong, incomplete and misleading in nature. He further mentions about his email dated 24.01.2022, 03.02.2022 and letter dated 03.02.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record. He further adds by saying that the enquiry is not pending before the Vigilance office.

On the other hand, the PIO, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and the status of this case has already been clarified to the Appellant till 08.01.2021. He further mentions about an email dated 19.01.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On further discussion with the parties, the PIO, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that till 19.10.2020 the report was pending.

After having discussion with both the parties, the concerned PIO is directed to <u>file a proper reply in writing in the</u> <u>form of an affidavit explaining the reason, what action has been taken till the date of the Applicant's RTI (relating to complaint) along with annexure / documents would be supplied to the Appellant through registered post, **failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.**</u>

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

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information (after receiving the same from the department) and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

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

This case is adjourned to 18.05.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 18.05.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

CC:

Dated: 09.02.2022

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (Sh. Jasbir Singh, Superintendent LG -3 Branch)

0/o The Department of Local Govt. Punjab LG III Branch, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 3, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Kamal Kishore Shukla,

H. No. 500, Sector 20-A, Chandigarh.

V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director,

Technical Education and Industrial Training Department,

Punjab, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Director,

Technical Education and Industrial Training Department,

Punjab, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4661 of 2019

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Kamal Kishore is present.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Assistant from the Department is present.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 18.11.2021 vide which the concerned PIO was directed to supply the requisite information (i.e. point number 02 as per RTI) to the Appellant by registered post or email positively (along with a copy to the Commission) and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason about action taken report in relating to point number 02 of the RTI, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing is done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Kamal Kishore states that incomplete information has been supplied to him. He further mentions about his letter dated 28.12.2021, which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar states that he got a reply from the concerned department today vide letter number 342 dated 08.02.2022 and will send the copy of the same to the Commission through email as well as to the Appellant through post. He further states that as per the reply no action has been taken.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to send the copy of reply to the Appellant through registered post by today itself and he is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Kamal Kishore is directed to go through the supplied information (after receiving the same from the department) and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 18.05.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 18.05.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.02.2022

Sd/-

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Rajinder Kumar, S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,

Ward Number 02, Supreme Enclave,

Near Vishvkarma Bhawan, Link Road, Mansa (Punjab)

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**,

O/o The Director,

Department of Local Govt., Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

0/o The Director,

Department of Local Govt., Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No. 3782 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

The Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar is present. Present:

Sh. Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant (General Branch) from the Department is present.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 22.11.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of remaining information relating to point number 03 of the RTI request and also supply legible copies of information relating to point number 04 of the RTI request to the Appellant.

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing is done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar states that the information relating to point number 3 is pending only and further mentions that the information relating to point number 1, 2 and 4 have been received by him and he is satisfied with the same.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Amit Kumar states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant vide letter dated 23.09.2021 and a copy of the cover letter has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

In view of above, the Sr. Asstt., Sh. Amit Kumar is directed to send the attested copy information (i.e. relating to point number 3) to the Appellant through registered post at his address within a week and submits the copy of postal receipts to the Commission, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

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

This case is adjourned to 25.05.2022 at 11 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 25.05.2022 with all the requisite documents relating to this present case. This case is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

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

Dated: 09.02.2022

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Rajinder Kumar, S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,

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(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director,

Department of Local Govt., Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

0/o The Director,

Department of Local Govt., Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No. 3783 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar is present.

Sh. Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant (General Branch) from the Department is present.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 22.11.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of remaining information the Appellant.

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing is done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar states that the information relating to point number 01 is pending only.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Amit Kumar states that it would also be supplied to the Appellant soon.

In view of above, the Sr. Asstt., Sh. Amit Kumar is directed to send the attested copy information (i.e. relating to point number 1) to the Appellant through registered post at his address within a week and submits the copy of postal receipts to the Commission, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

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

This case is adjourned to **25.05.2022** at **11 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **25.05.2022** with all the requisite documents relating to this present case. This case is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Praveen Kumar Sayal,

"Sayal & Company", Octroi Contractor.

Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib (140406) Punjab

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director,

Department of Local Govt., Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Superintendent, **(ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH)**

Department of Local Govt., Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

0/o The Director.

Department of Local Govt., Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No. 3780 of 2020
[Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software]

Present: N.K. Sayal is present on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Praveen Kumar Sayal.

Ms. Sunita, Superintendent (Establishment Branch) along with Sh. Kapil, Senior Assistant

(Establishment Branch) is present.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 22.11.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of information the Appellant.

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing is done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. N.K. Sayal states that irrelevant information has been supplied to him and further mentions about an email dated 02.02.2022, which has been sent to the Commission which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Superintendent, Ms. Sunita is present in the Commission at the time of hearing and submits a letter dated 23.09.2021 to the Commission during the proceedings of the Court. Also, the Superintendent, Ms. Sunita states that this case / information belongs to the SLG 3 Branch.

In view of above, The <u>PIO O/o Superintendent, Local Government Punjab, LG -3 Branch be impleaded as a necessary party</u>. A copy of this order be sent to the PIO concerned, Sh. Jasbir Singh of LG 3 Branch through registered post.

In view of above, the concerned PIO's Establishment Branch as well as LG 3 Branch are directed to appear in the Commission on then next date of hearing with all the concerned documents relating to this present case. If the concerned persons from the department does not appear to the Commission then a strict action would be taken against both the PIO's.

To this, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. N.K. Sayal states that he could not appear in the Commission due to his age factor, to which the Appellant, Sh. Praveen is directed to come himself or authorize



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a knowledgeable person to come to the Commission for clarifying the facts of this case, on the next date of hearing failing which it would be presumed that they doesnot require the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **25.05.2022 at 11 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **25.05.2022 with all the requisite documents relating to this present case**. This case is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

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Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

CC:

Dated: 09.02.2022

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (Sh. Jasbir Singh, Superintendent LG -3 Branch)

O/o The Department of Local Govt. Punjab **LG III Branch, Municipal Bhawan,** Sector 35-A, Plot No. 3, Chandigarh.

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"Sayal & Company", Octroi Contractor,

Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib (140406) Punjab

/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,

Department of Local Govt., Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Director,

Department of Local Govt., Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No. 3779 of 2020
{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: N.K. Sayal is present on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Praveen Kumar Sayal.

Ms. Sunita, Superintendent (Establishment Branch) along with Sh. Kapil, Senior Assistant

(Establishment Branch) is present.

Sh. Jasbir Singh, Superintendent –cum- PIO from **LG 3 Branch** is also present.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 22.11.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of information the Appellant.

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing is done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, both the parties are present.

An email from the representative of the Appellant dated 02.02.2022 has been received in the Commission and is taken on record.

The PIO –cum – Superintendent, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that he would represent this case in person.

In view of above, the concerned PIO's Establishment Branch as well as LG 3 Branch are directed to appear in the Commission on then next date of hearing with all the concerned documents relating to this present case. If the concerned persons from the department does not appear to the Commission then a strict action would be taken against both the PIO's.

The Appellant, Sh. Praveen is directed to come himself or authorize a knowledgeable person to come to the Commission for clarifying the facts of this case, on the next date of hearing failing which it would be presumed that they doesnot require the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

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Appeal Case No. 3779 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}





This case is adjourned to 25.05.2022 at 11 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 25.05.2022 with all the requisite documents relating to this present case. This case is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Madhya Marq, Chandigarh.

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

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

CC:

Dated: 09.02.2022

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (Sh. Jasbir Singh, Superintendent, LG -3 Branch)

O/o The Department of Local Govt. Punjab **LG III Branch, Municipal Bhawan**, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 3, Chandigarh.

CC:

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (Ms. Sunita, Superintendent, Establishment Branch)

O/o The Department of Local Govt. Punjab Establishment Branch, Municipal Bhawan,

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

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Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,

H. No. 60-35-P-376-1, Street No. 08, Maha Singh Nagar, PO Dhandari Kalan, Luhdiana (Punjab)

V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Govt. , Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Govt., Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3710 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The representative Sh. Gurmej Lal is present along with the Appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh.

Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant from Municipal Service Cell is present.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 22.11.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of information the Appellant.

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing is done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, both the parties are present.

The representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal states that no information has been supplied to thrm till date.

On this, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Vikas Kumar states that this concerned case / complaint was marked to LG -1 Branch and requests the Court to implead them as a party as well for clarifying the facts of this case.

In view of above, the PIO O/o The Superintendent, Local Govt., Punjab, LG -1 Branch, Chandigarh be impleaded as a party and further the concerned PIO's i.e. O/o Municipal Service Cell as well as LG -1 Branch are directed to look into this matter and supply the information accordingly to the Appellant through registered post by the next date of hearing positively failing which a strict action would be taken about the PIO concerned. Copy of the order be sent to the PIO's through registered post along with RTI application.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information (after receiving the same from the department) and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 18.05.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 18.05.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.02.2022

Sd/-

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (Municipal Service Cell)

O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,

Department of Local Govt., Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh. (Encl RTI Application)

CC: (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (LG - 1 BRANCH)

O/o The Superintendent,

Department of Local Govt., Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 3, Chandigarh. (Encl RTI Application)

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Sh. Janak Raj, S/o Sh. Jangir Singh, Tiwana Street, Ward No. 12, Near Gandhi School,

MANSA (PUNJAB)

Appellant

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**,

O/o The Executive Officer,

Nagar Panchayat,

Handiaya, District Barnala (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

 $\mathbf{O/o}$ The Additional Deputy Commissioner,

(Urban Development), Barnala. Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2366 of 2021

V/s.

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Janak Raj is present at the O/o PSIC, Chandigarh.

Sh. Kamaldeep Singh, Junior Assistant is present at the O/o PSIC, Chandigarh.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 22.11.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of information the Appellant.

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing is done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Janak Raj states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, Sh. Kamaldeep Singh, Junior Assistant states that the information could not be provided as it is in question form and the same has already been sent to the Appellant through post.

On asking the name of the current PIO, to which Junior Assistant, Sh. Kamaldeep Singh states that the EO, Sh, Manpreet Singh is the PIO.

After going through the case file, I am of the view that the PIO-cum- EO, Sh. Manpreet Singh is directed to supply the pointwise attested copy information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post by the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing mentioning the reason point wise that why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which a strict action would be taken against the EO, Sh. Manpreet Singh.

A copy of this order be sent to the Executive Officer, Sh. Manpreet Singh as well as to the ADC (UD), Barnala for complying the above said order.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Janak Raj is directed to go through the supplied information (after receiving the same from the department) and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presume ed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 18.05.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 18.05.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner

Punjab

CC: (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (Sh. Manpreet Singh, Executive Officer)

O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat,

Handiaya, District Barnala (Punjab).

Dated: 09.02.2022

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V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

0/o The Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Plot Number 03, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Principal Secretary, Local Government, Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03, Dakshin Marg, Sector35-A, Chandigarh. (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2404 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Taurn Rishi is present.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was heard on 23.11.2021 the PIO -cum- Superintendent, Sh. Ashish Kumar was present and he was directed to appear along with related documents.

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing is done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Tarun Rishi states that the status of this case was same as it was on the last date of hearing dated 23.11.2021.

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

Commission takes a serious view against the PIO as nobody appears today from the Department for clarifying the facts of this case.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Secretary, Local Govt. , Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Plot Number 03, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing.

A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post, so that the facts of this case would be clarified by the PIO.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or through email within 4 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission) and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO, on the next date of hearing.

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

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

This case is adjourned to 25.05.2022 at 11 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 25.05.2022 with all the requisite documents relating to this present case. This case is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

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

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Puniab

Show Cause:

Dated: 09.02.2022

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Secretary,

Local Govt., Punjab, Municipal Bhawan,

Plot Number03,

Sector 35-A, Chandigarh. (Encl RTI Application)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Principal Secretary,

Local Government, Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03, Dakshin Marg,

Sector35-A, Chandigarh. (Punjab)

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V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Secretary, Local Govt. , Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Plot Number 03, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Principal Secretary, Local Government, Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03, Dakshin Marg, Sector35-A, Chandigarh. (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2403 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Taurn Rishi is present.

Sh. Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant from General Branch is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was heard on 23.11.2021 vide which the PIO was directed to submit in writing that there are only 8 names in that concerned seniority list and process would be implemented on these or on others in due course of time.

Accordingly, this case was adjourned for today for physical hearing in the Court Room at PSIC, Chandigarh but the hearing is done through Cisco Webex Meetings due to increase in Covid Cases and the concerned parties have been informed through phone calls for the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Tarun Rishi states that he has received the list relating to Superintendent but the list concerned relating to Executive Officer is pending.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Amit Kumar states that the information has been sent to the Appellant vide letter dated 27.01.2022.

Commission takes a serious view against the PIO as information relating to Executive Officer is still pending as it was mentioned in the previous order of the Commission dated 23.11.2021.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Plot Number 03, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing.

A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post, so that the facts of this case would be clarified by the PIO.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or through email within 4 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission) and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the

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reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO, on the next date of hearing.

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

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

This case is adjourned to 25.05.2022 at 11 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 25.05.2022 with all the requisite documents relating to this present case. This case is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

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

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Show Cause:

Dated: 09.02.2022

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Secretary,

Local Govt., Punjab, Municipal Bhawan,

Plot Number 03.

Sector 35-A, Chandigarh. (Encl RTI Application)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Principal Secretary,

Local Government, Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03, Dakshin Marg,

Sector35-A, Chandigarh. (Punjab)