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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Lakhvir Kumar , S/o Sh. Jaspal Ram,
President Punjab Society Against Corruption and Crime Branch,
Village Gandhwan, Tehsil Phagwara, Distt Kapurthala.
M : 9872515368

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer, Punjab Mandi Board,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer , Punjab Mandi Board, S.A,S Nagar (Mohali)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2851 of 2020
{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Lakhvir Kumar is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 01.07.2020, the date of First Appeal is 07.08.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 29.09.2020.

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

After going through the case file, it has been observed that an email dated 09.03.2021 from 'ypsharmastudiophg@gmail.com' has been received in the Commission in which the Appellant has written that no information has been supplied to him and further requests for the same.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as none comes present from the concerned Department today and no information has been supplied to the Appellant till date.

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 Executive Engineer, Punjab Mandi Board, Jalandhar, 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.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO 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.

The Appellant is advised 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, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

Appeal Case No. 2851 of 2020
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This case is adjourned to 31.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 31.05.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.03.2021

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

{Regd. Post} Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer, Punjab Mandi Board, Jalandhar
Encl. RTI Application

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Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Executive Engineer, Punjab Mandi Board,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer , Punjab Mandi Board, S.A,S Nagar (Mohali)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2852 of 2020
{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Lakhvir Kumar is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 01.07.2020, the date of First Appeal is 07.08.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 29.09.2020.

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

After going through the case file, it has been observed that an email dated 09.03.2021 from 'ypsharmastudiophg@gmail.com' has been received in the Commission in which the Appellant has written that he was asked to deposit the fees of Rs. 4330/- vide letter number 2288 dated 16.07.2020, against the information and after depositing the fees through cheque number 270153 dated 25.07.2020, still no information has been supplied to him.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as none comes present from the concerned Department today and no information has been supplied to the Appellant till date.

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 Executive Engineer, Punjab Mandi Board, Patiala, 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.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO 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.

Appeal Case No. 2852 of 2020
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The Appellant is advised 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, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **31.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **31.05.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number is 1589136034.**

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Punjab

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Encl. RTI Application

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Sh. Pawan Kumar, S/o Sh. Shiv Lal,
Village Rupana, Tehsil & Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib-152032.
M : 7508780269

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Construction Division no. 02 (B&R), Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SE, Construction Circle (B&R), Hoshiarpur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2861 of 2020 **{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}**

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Pawan Kumar is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 20.02.2020, the date of First Appeal is 04.08.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 30.09.2020.

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

After going through the case file, it has been observed that an email dated 24.02.2021, another email of same date i.e. 24.02.2021 has been received in the Commission from 'eecd2hsrurpwpdpb@gmail.com' which shows that the information has been sent to the Appellant. A letter dated 24.02.2021 has also been sent to the Commission along with other document and a copy of registered postal receipt dated 24.02.2021 is also attached, which is taken on record.

In view of above an opportunity is given to the Appellant and he is advised to go through the supplied information, 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 the Appellant has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits, on the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to **31.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **31.05.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number is 1589136034.**

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,

Jalal Khara, PO Sular, Distt Patiala.

M : 9815397246

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o XEN, Water Resource Department,
Deigarh Division, Irrigation Department,
Mini Secretariat Road, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o XEN, Water Resource Department,
Deigarh Division, Irrigation Department, Patiala.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2867 of 2020

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 03.07.2020, the date of First Appeal is 03.08.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 30.09.2020.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that incomplete information has been supplied to him. He further states that he has received the information only relating to point number 01 and no information has been supplied to him in relating to point number 2, 3 and 4 as per his RTI Application.

On the other hand, the Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a letter number 290-91 dated 15.01.2021 has been received in the Commission on which Appellant states that the information which has been sent to him vide letter dated 15.01.2021 is relating to AC: 3608 / 2020 which is going on at some other bench.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as none comes present from the concerned Department today and incomplete information has been supplied to the Appellant as well.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the remaining information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO 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. **A copy of this order be sent to the PIO through registered post.**

The Appellant is advised 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, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **31.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **31.05.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number is 1589136034.**

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Jalal Khara, PO Sular, Distt Patiala.

M : 9815397246

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Water Resource Department,
Devigarh Division, Canal Department, Near Mini Secretariat,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o XEN, Water Resource Department,
Devigarh Division, Canal Department, Patiala.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2868 of 2020

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 01.07.2020, the date of First Appeal is 03.08.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 30.09.2020.

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

On the other hand, the Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a copy of letter number 290-91 dated 15.01.2021 has been received in the Commission on which Appellant states that the information which has been sent to him vide letter dated 15.01.2021 is relating to AC: 3608 / 2020 which is going on at some other bench.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as none comes present from the concerned Department today and incomplete information has been supplied to the Appellant till date.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the remaining information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO 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. **A copy of this order be sent to the PIO through registered post.**

The Appellant is advised 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, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **31.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **31.05.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number is 1589136034.**

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Dated: 09.03.2021

SD/-
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Sh. Tejinder Singh (Editor),
India's Justice, Civil Court,
Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur-144410.
M : 9041004313

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o Sub Registrar, Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Tarn Taran.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2979 of 2020

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 20.04.2020, the date of First Appeal is 01.06.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 08.10.2020.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh states that the information which has been supplied to him vide letter dated 01.02.2021 is having deficiencies in it and he has pointed out the deficiencies to the concerned Department on 04.03.2021.

On the other hand, the Respondent / PIO is absent but a copy of letter dated 01.02.2021 has been sent to the Commission vide which information has been supplied to the Appellant.

After going through the letter dated 01.02.2021, it has been observed that the department has requested for fees against 28 pages of information (i.e. for point number 03), to which the concerned Department is directed to supply the information for free of cost to the Appellant as the concerned Department would have asked for the requisite fees from the Appellant in time from the date of RTI Application i.e. 20.04.2020 or if they have asked for requisite fees against 28 pages in time from the Appellant then they should prove the same in the court.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to send the copy of deficiencies to the concerned Department again along with a copy to the Commission within 15 days from today and the Respondent / PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant (after removing the deficiencies) by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO 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.

The PIO is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing positively which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software. **A copy of this order be sent to the PIO through registered post.**

This case is adjourned to **31.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **31.05.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number is 1589136034.**

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Sh. Tirlochan Singh,

R/o 848 A, M.I.G. Flats, Jamalpur Colony, Ludhiana. (141010)

M : 9463658200

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o SDM cum Licensing and Registration Authority,
Phagwara.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o SDM, Phagwara.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2986 of 2020

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Tirlochan Singh is absent.
Sh. Harjeet Singh, Superintendent is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 10.05.2020, the date of First Appeal is 20.06.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 08.10.2020.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Tirlochan Singh is absent.

On the other hand, Superintendent, Sh. Harjeet Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant at his whatsapp and the same has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 08.03.2021 and one more email dated 08.03.2021, which is taken on record.

In view of above, the concerned Respondent / PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant through registered post as well and supply the copy of that postal receipt to the Commission before the next date of hearing, positively.

The Appellant is advised 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, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **31.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **31.05.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number is 1589136034.**

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Sh. Gurmeet Singh, S/o Sh. Lal Singh,
R/o Village Kikar Khera, Tehsil Abohar, Distt Fazilka.
M : 9876269776

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Water Drainage Department (Construction Division),
Faridkot at Gidderbaha, Gidderbaha, Distt Sri. Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SE, Drainage Department, Gidderbaha,
Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2997 of 2020
{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is present.
Sh. Arshdeep Singh, SDO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 27.06.2020, the date of First Appeal is 17.08.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 08.10.2020.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh states that he is satisfied with the information relating to point number 01 and 03 and the information relating to point number 02 and 04 is pending in nature, as per his RTI Application.

On this, the SDO, Sh. Arshdeep Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant vide registered post and further requests the Appellant to decide a time on phone with him and collect the record by hand on the remaining points i.e. 02 and 04 of the RTI Application. He further mentions about an email dated 08.03.2021, which is taken on record.

In view of above, both the parties are directed to mutually contact each other and decide a specific date or time to collect the record accordingly.

Both the parties mutually agree to this.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post (after discussing with him) before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO 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.

The Appellant is advised 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, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **31.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **31.05.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number is 1589136034.**

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Sh. Gurmeet Singh, S/o Sh. Lal Singh,
R/o Village Kikar Khara, Tehsil Abohar, Distt Fazilka.
M : 9876269776

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Divisional Engineer, Punjab Water Resource Administration
and Development Corporation Limited, Lining Division 3, Malout,
Tehsil Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The SE, Punjab Water Resource Management and
Development Corporation Limited Faridkot.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3111 of 2020
{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is present.
Sh. Tehal Singh, SDO along with Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Senior Assistant from FAA is present from
the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 14.02.2020, the date of First Appeal is 24.08.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 19.10.2020.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh states that some information has been supplied to him and further states that the sign done by the persons on the supplied information is fictitious in nature.

On the other hand, the SDO, Sh. Tehal Singh states that the information has been sent by their XEN. He further mentions about an email dated 19.02.2021 and a letter dated 18.02.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and the same is taken on record.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to the certify the signatures of the persons who had signed the documents of information / tenders extra and supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO, on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is advised 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, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

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Sh. Avtar Singh, S/o Late Sh. Daljit Singh,
VPO Chuharwali, Distt Jalandhar-144102.
M : 9815850622

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal, Chief Conservator of Forests (HOFF),
Deptt. of Forests and Wildlife Preservation, Punjab, Sector 68,
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Conservator of Forests (HOFF),
Deptt. of Forests and Wildlife Preservation, Punjab,
Sector 68 S.A.S Nagar, (Mohali)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3029 of 2020
{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Avtar Singh is absent.
Ms. Charanjit Kaur, Superintendent, from O/o Forest Office, Mohali,
Sh. Gurmeet Singh, Superintendent from O/o Forest Office, Ropar,
Ms. Usha Rani, Superintendent from O/o Forest Office, Phillaur,
Ms. Nirmal Rani, Superintendent from O/o Forest Office, Patiala,
Sh. Randhir Singh, R.O. from O/o Forest Office, Pathankot are present at Webex during the hearing.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 11.05.2020, the date of First Appeal is 23.06.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 14.10.2020.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Avtar Singh is absent.

On the other hand, the Superintendent from O/o Mohali, Ms. Charanjit Kaur states that the information relates with 6 different DFO's and the concerned offices have also sent the requisite information to the Appellant accordingly. In relating to this, she further mentions about an email dated 01.03.2021, a letter dated 05.03.2021 along with annexure and another email dated 09.03.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and the same are taken on record.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the Appellant and he is advised 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, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

The concerned Respondent's / PIO's are directed to appear on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

This case is adjourned to 31.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and **all the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 31.05.2021 which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number is 1589136034.**

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,
Village Rahimapur, PO Mahingrowal, Distt Hoshiarpur.-146024
V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o Divisional Forest Officer, Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Conservator of Forests, North Circle, Punjab, Hoshiarpur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3076 of 2020

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar is present.
Sh. Gurdeep Singh, Range Officer is present from the Department.

Order: The date of RTI Application is 27.02.2020, the date of First Appeal is 18.05.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 15.10.2020.

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

On this, the Range Officer, Sh. Gurdeep Singh states that the information which has been requested by the Appellant relates with 3rd party in nature and further states that the information is also voluminous in nature.

After going through the case file, the Appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar is directed to visit the concerned office on **07.04.2021 at 11.00 A.M.** for collecting the requisite information after identifying the 'specific record' as per his RTI Application. **The concerned PIO and Sh. Gurdeep Singh, RO are directed to be present there on the said date and time to facilitate the Appellant and to supply the specific record after discussing with him on the same.**

If the Appellant does not visit to the concerned office on the said date and time then it would be presumed that the Appellant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The Appellant is also directed after collecting the information, if he observes that as per his RTI Application **if any** information is remaining or he is not satisfied with the same, then he must write that down and supply the letter of deficiencies by hand to Sh. Gurdeep Singh, RO after the inspection along with a copy to the Commission through an email.

Sh. Gurdeep Singh, RO is directed to supply the information to the Appellant again after removing the deficiencies **if any** pointed out by the Appellant after the inspection take place.

This case is adjourned to **31.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **31.05.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.03.2021

Sd/-
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Sh. Amritpal Singh, S/o Sh. Avtar Singh,

House No 263 A/13, Street No 8, Hussainpura (EAST), Amritsar

Distt Amritsar-143001. **M : 9815362281**

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Punjab Mandi Board, Sector 65-A, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Punjab Mandi Board, Sector 65-A, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3088 of 2020
{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh is present.
Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Superintended RTI is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 18.07.2020, the date of First Appeal is 21.08.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 15.10.2020.

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

On the other hand, the Superintendent RTI, Ms. Jaswinder Kaur states that the information has been sent to the Appellant today by registered post. She further mentions about an email dated 09.03.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and the same is taken on record.

In view of above, the Appellant is advised 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, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

The concerned Respondent / PIO is directed to send the copy of the registered postal receipt to the Commission vide which information has been sent to the Appellant and the Respondent / PIO is further directed to appear on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

This case is adjourned to **31.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **31.05.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number is 1589136034.**

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Dated: 09.03.2021

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

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Provincial Division, PWD (B & R), Mansa (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Construction Circle, PWD (B & R), Bathinda (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1367 of 2020
{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.
Sh. Manoj Kumar, SDE is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The hearing in the instant case, which was fixed to be heard on 24.02.2021, could not held due to technical fault in the connection of network and the case was fixed for today i.e. 09.03.2021.

This order may be read with the reference of previous order dated 07.12.2020.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that there are some deficiencies in the supplied information.

On the other hand, the SDE, Sh. Manoj Kumar is connected in Webex Meetings Software but no voice was coming from his side and it is presumed that it might be the connectivity issue from his end.

In view of above, the Appellant is advised to send the letter of deficiencies again to the Respondent / PIO as well as a copy to the Commission within 10 days from today.

Also, an opportunity is given to the Respondent / PIO and further the concerned Respondent / PIO is directed to send the copy of the registered postal receipt to the Commission vide which information has been sent to the Appellant again after removing the deficiencies and the Respondent / PIO is further directed to appear on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

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

This case is adjourned to 31.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 31.05.2021 which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.03.2021

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Bimal P. Jain,
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M: 98145-08974

Complainant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The President, S.S. Jain Sabha,
(Regd.), Bathinda.

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 152 of 2020
{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Complainant, Sh. Bimal P. Jain is present.
Sh. Umesh Jain, General Secretary from the Department is present.

ORDER:

The hearing in the instant case, which was fixed to be heard on 24.02.2021, could not held due to technical fault in the connection of network and the case was fixed for today i.e. 09.03.2021.

This order may be read with the reference of previous orders dated 06.01.2021, 12.10.2020

04.08.2020 and 30.06.2020

In today's hearing Sh. Umesh Jain (General Secretary) appear from the Respondent's side and states that concerned S. S. Jain Sabha (Regd.) Bathinda is not a Public Authority. He further states that a pointwise reply for clarifying the facts of this case has been filed to the Commission in this regard vide dated 19.02.2020 which has been received in the Commission vide diary no. 298 dated 24.02.2021, which is taken on record.

On this, the Complainant Sh. Bimal P. Jain expresses his dissatisfaction with the reply supplied by the General Secretary, Sh. Umesh Jain stating that it is incorrect and misleading in nature. In relating to this, he has also filed a reply to the Commission vide email dated 09.03.2021 and one more email also dated 09.03.2021 stating that Respondent Institute i.e S. S. Jain Sabha (Regd.) Bathinda comes under the provisions of RTI Act, which is taken on record.

After going through the documents available on record and after discussing the matter with both the parties, I am of the view that this case may be referred to the Legal Advisor of the Commission to take the legal opinion whether the Respondent's Institute i.e. S.S.Jain Sabha (Regd.), Bathinda is a Public Authority or not under this RTI Act. Accordingly, this case file be sent to the Deputy Registrar of the Commission to take the legal opinion so that further action in this case could be taken on receipt of Legal opinion of the Legal Advisor of the Commission.

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

Dated: 09.03.2021

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC :
The Deputy Registrar
(Encl. Case File)