

Gurmej Lal,
H. No. 6375, Street – 16,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,
P. O. – Daba, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
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Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 402 of 2020

Present : Sh. Balwinder Singh, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Mohan Singh, Assistant town Planner-cum-PIO of Zone-D, Sarabha Nagar, in person.

ORDER

Heard through Video Conference facility of Software/application CISCO Webex meetings.

The RTI request is dated 07.10.2019. First appeal is dated 09.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2020.

Sh. Mohan Singh, Assistant town Planner-cum-PIO of Zone-D, Sarabha Nagar who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal through speed post.

The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the information and copy of the postal receipt(through which information was sent to the appellant), by the next date of hearing to the Commission.

Sh. Balwinder Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal in today's hearing, states that no information has been received by the appellant so far.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply certified copies of the required information to the appellant on 11.06.2020 at 02:00 P. M.

The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO concerned on 11.06.2020 at 02:00 P. M. to collect the certified copies of the required information.

The case is **adjourned to 4.8.20 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through Video Conference facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'**

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Date : 9th June, 2020

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Present : Sh. Balwinder Singh, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Mohan Singh, Assistant town Planner-cum-PIO of Zone-D, Sarabha Nagar, in person.

ORDER

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The RTI request is dated 29.10.2019. First appeal is dated 02.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2020.

Sh. Mohan Singh, Assistant town Planner-cum-PIO of Zone-D, Sarabha Nagar who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal through speed post.

The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the information and copy of the postal receipt(through which information was sent to the appellant), by the next date of hearing to the Commission.

Sh. Balwinder Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal in today's hearing, states that no information has been received by the appellant so far.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply certified copies of the required information to the appellant on 11.06.2020 at 02:00 P. M.

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Appeal Case No. 405 of 2020

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

ORDER

Heard through Video Conference facility of Software/application CISCO Webex meetings.

The RTI request is dated 29.10.2019. First appeal is dated 02.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2020.

Sh. Balwinder Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal in today's hearing, states that no information has been received by the appellant so far.

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

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 Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. 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, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to send a copy of the information and copy of the postal receipt(through which information would be sent to the Appellant), to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

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

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.

The case is **adjourned to 4.8.20 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through Video Conference facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Appeal Case No. 406 of 2020

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

ORDER

Heard through Video Conference facility of Software/application CISCO Webex meetings.

The RTI request is dated 29.10.2019. First appeal is dated 02.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2020.

Sh. Balwinder Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal in today's hearing, states that no information has been received by the appellant so far.

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

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 Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. 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, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to send a copy of the information and copy of the postal receipt(through which information would be sent to the Appellant), to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

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

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.

The case is **adjourned to 4.8.20 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through Video Conference facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Appeal Case No. 2218 of 2019

Present : Sh. Balwinder Singh, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Kulwinder Singh, S. D. O., in person.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 26.02.2020 and the respondent was directed to bring the required Information in the Commission or file a written reply in an affidavit. The appellant was also advised to appear before the Commission on the fixed date of hearing

Sh. Kulwinder Singh, S. D. O., who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal through speed post.

The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the information and copy of the postal receipt(through which information was sent to the appellant), by the next date of hearing to the Commission.

Sh. Balwinder Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal in today's hearing, states that the information at point no. 04 and 05 of the RTI request is still pending.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to hand over certified copies of the remaining information, at point no. 04 and 05 of the RTI request, to the appellant on 11.06.2020 at 12:00 Noon.

The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO concerned on 11.06.2020 at 12:00 noon to collect the remaining information.

Sh. Kulwinder Singh, S. D. O., would remain present on 11.06.2020 at 12:00 noon during handing over the information to the appellant.

The case is **adjourned to 4.8.20 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through Video Conference facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Appeal Case No. 4612 of 2019

Present : Sh. Balwinder Singh, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sanjeev Uppal, Superintendent-cum-PIO(Tehbazari) Zone –C, in person.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 03.03.2020 and the respondent was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record to identify the information. The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent on 08.04.2020 to inspect the relevant official record to identify the information and collect the specific information.

Sh. Sanjeev Uppal, Superintendent-cum-PIO(Tehbazari) Zone-C, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal through speed post.

The respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the information and copy of the postal receipt(through which information was sent to the appellant), by the next date of hearing to the Commission.

Sh. Balwinder Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal in today's hearing, states that no information has been received by the appellant so far.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply certified copies of the required information to the appellant on 11.06.2020 at 11:00 A. M.

The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO concerned on 11.06.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the certified copies of the required information.

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