



Sanjeev Kumar
S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,
Village – Rahimpur,
P. O. - Mehangrowal,
Distt. - Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Divisional Forest officer,
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Conservator of Forests, Punjab,
North Circle,
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 865 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Balwinder Kumar, Range Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.11.2019. First appeal is dated 26.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.05.2021,

- i) Sh. Gurdeep Singh, Forest Range Officer, Hoshiarpur, stated that a reply was given to the appellant, intimating him that the letter no. 96 dated 19.04.2011 (regarding which the information has been sought through RTI request) is not available in the official record.
- ii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the available information as per official-record to the appellant. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to send a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission, mentioning the reasons whether official record is missing or not available or destroyed or copy of Office-order (if destruction of record has been done.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information/reply and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Balwinder Kumar, Range Officer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 2094 dated 02.12.2020 and again vide letter no. 1898 dated 02.08.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1898-99 dated 02.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 17393 dated 02.08.2021. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, could not make himself audible during the proceedings of the instant appeal case due to technical fault in connection of network but through a letter dated 06.08.2021, he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 31.08.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to inspect and collect the identified information .

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office so that information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not. if the appellant would not visit the office of the respondent PIO on the fixed date i. e. 31.08.2021 to collect the required information or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 25th October, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sanjeev Thakur (Press Reporter)
Village – Gudha Khurd,
P. O. – Madhopur-145024(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 665 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Thakur , the appellant in person.
Sh. Piara Singh, S. D. O., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 04.11.2019. First appeal is dated 06.12.2019. Second appeal has
been received in the Commission on 31.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.05.2021,

- i) The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur, stated that incomplete information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO and he had pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied to the respondent PIO through a letter dated 02.03.2021.
- ii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant, to him specifically mentioning the names of sub-divisions alongwith work-orders done, by registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information .

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur, states that he has not received any reply from the respondent after the last hearing of this case, which was held on 17.05.2021.

Sh. Piara Singh, S. D. O, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 485 dated 04.12.2020 and again vide letter no. 505 dated 04.08.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 506 dated 04.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 17396 dated 06.08.2021. It is taken on record.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant vide letter dated 04.08.2021 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 04.08.2021 and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 25th October, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Mukhtar Singh,
H. No. 2036-C, Ranjit Avenue,
Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Land Reclamation Officer(N),
Land Reclamation Division,
Irrigation Department,
U B D C, Amritsar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Irrigation Department,
U B D C, Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1079 of 2020

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

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 20.11.2019. First appeal is dated 10.01.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.03.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.05.2021,

- i) The appellant stated that he had visited the office and the concerned Executive Engineer was available but no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not. He was 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.

The representative of the respondent could not make himself audible during the proceedings of the instant appeal case due to technical fault in connection of network.

The appellant, Sh. Mukhtar Singh is not present in today's hearing.

Another opportunity is given to the appellant to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 25th October, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Gurmeet Singh S/o Sh. Lal Singh,
Village – Kikker Khera,
Tehsil – Abohar,
Distt. - Fazika(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Drainage and Construction Division,
Ferozepur at Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Water Drainage and Construction Division,
Ferozepur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 937 of 2020

Present : Sh. Gurmeet Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 18.11.2019. First appeal is dated 10.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.05.2021,

- i) Sh. Vinod, Executive Engineer-cum-PIO, Fazilka, stated that the information at point no. 07 of the RTI request was supplied to the appellant in a Pen-Drive.
- ii) Sh. Sumit Sharma, Senior Assistant (E.E. Branch – I), stated that the information at point no. 01 of the RTI request was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 657 dated 23.03.2021.
- iii) Sh. Kamaljit Singh, Senior Assistant (E.E. Branch – II), stated that the information at point no. 02 of the RTI request does not relate with E.E. Branch – II.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the PIO of E.E. Branch – II to supply certified copies of the required information at point no. 02 of RTI request, after collecting the same from the concerned branch with a copy to the Commission.
- v) The appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh was not present. An opportunity was given to him to confirm whether he received the information, which was already sent by the concerned and to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received information at point no, 04, 06 and 08 of the RTI request. He also states that he has not received the letter dated 23.03.2021, sent by the respondent PIO office of E.E. Branch – I (as stated on the last date of hearing) through which information at point no. 01 of the RTI request was supplied . He also intimates that he has not received any information at point no. 09 and 10 from office of E.E. Branch – II.



Janak Singh
S/o Sh. Jagan Nath,
Village - Ramgarh, Tehsil Khamano,
Distt. - Fatehgarh Sahib(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director, Cultural Affairs,
Archaeology & Museum Department, Punjab,
Plot Number 3, Sector 38-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Department of Tourism, Cultural Affairs,
Archaeology & Museum, Punjab,
Mini Secretariat, Sector - 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2549 of 2019

Present : Sh. Dishant Rishi, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Anshuman Garg, D. C. (F & A)-cum-PIO, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 01.11.2018. First appeal is dated 10.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.05.2021,

- i) Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Clerk, stated that she is appearing on behalf of PIO-cum-A.C.F.A. and the requisite information, regarding copy of Muster Roll (for the period from the year 1988 to 1993) carrying appellant's name was supplied to the appellant and copy of Muster Roll, on which appellant's name is not mentioned, are ready to provide.
- ii) The appellant, Sh. Janak Singh, was not present and an opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (already) supplied to him. He was also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO within a week during working hours to collect the remaining information (if any found pending) or it would be assumed that the appellant received the required information and satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

Sh. Anshuman Garg, D. C. (F & A)-cum-PIO, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

Sh. Dishant Rishi, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Janak Singh, in today's hearing, states that the appellant, through RTI request, has demanded information for the period from the year 1998 to 1993 and the respondent PIO has given incomplete information as information for the period from the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 has not been given.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the appellant or his authorized representative to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 11.08.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to inspect and collect the identified information.

Sh. Anshuman Garg, D. C. (F & A)-cum-PIO, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant or his authorised representative to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office so that information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, in an affidavit, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not. If the appellant would not visit the office of the respondent PIO on the fixed date i. e. 11.08.2021 to collect the required information or the case would be decided on merits.

The date and time of inspection of relevant official record has been announced to both the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

The case is adjourned to 25th October, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

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Date : 9th August, 2021

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Near Springdill School,
Baba Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Khanna, Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Agricultural Officer,
Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1340 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Agricultural Development Officer, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 03.01.2020. First appeal is dated 17.02.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.05.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 19.05.2021,

- i) Sh. Harsangeet Singh, Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib, stated that in response to the RTI request, available information at point no. 01, 08 and 10 of the RTI request was supplied to the appellant and rest of the information regarding point no. 03, 04, 05, 06, 07 and 09 is with Sh. Satish Kumar, Agricultural Development Officer(Info), Fatehgarh Sahib, who had not given charge of the official-record till date. He also intimated the Commission that a letter vide letter no. 326 dated 29.04.2021 was sent to Sh. Satish Kumar, Agricultural Development Officer(Info), Fatehgarh Sahib with the directions to submit a reply in writing so that the same could be sent to the appellant but he had not sent any reply to the office of the chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib.
- ii) As on the earlier date of hearing, held on 15.03.2021, Sh. Satish Kumar, Agricultural Development Officer(Info), Fatehgarh Sahib, intimated the Commission that the required information, sought by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Agricultural Officer, Block Khera and he was holding only additional charge and he was got transferred from that office in the year 2016 and a reply was sent to the office of Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib, hence, it is responsibility of Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib to supply the required information to the appellant after collecting the same from the concerned office/official.
- iii) Accordingly, last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, after collecting the same from the concerned office/official, as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to send/file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, mentioning the reasons whether relevant official record is missing or whether any FIR has been lodged regarding missing record or copy of FIR (if the record is missing) to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

- iv) A copy of the order was sent to Director, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department with the advice to intervene into the matter to ensure compliance of the above-announced order of the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Ram Singh Pal, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Agricultural Development Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that partial information has been given to the appellant and part information is not available in the official record and the then Agricultural Development Officer, Sh. Satish Kumar, who has been transferred as Agricultural Development Officer, Morinda, has not given the official record to the present Agricultural Development Officer.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Agricultural Development Officer, Morinda, through letter dated 05.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that no information is pending with him. It is taken on record.

Sh. Satish Kumar, who has been transferred as Agricultural Development Officer, Morinda, is directed to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post

The Public Information Office of Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib is also directed to remain present to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order be also sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Director, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt., S. A. S. Nagar to intimate that who is concerned PIO in this particular case. He is also advised to ensure presence of the concerned PIO of office of Public Information Office of Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib and Sh. Satish Kumar, who has been transferred as Agricultural Development Officer, Morinda on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 25th October, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post) i) The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar

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(Regd. Post) ii) Sh. Satish Kumar,
Agricultural Development Officer,
Morinda (Punjab)

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V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Agricultural Officer,
Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan, S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1232 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Agricultural Development Officer, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 03.01.2020. First appeal is dated 17.02.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.04.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 19.05.2021,

- i) Sh. Harsangeet Singh, Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib, stated that in response to the RTI request, available information at point no. 01, 08 and 10 of the RTI request was supplied to the appellant and rest of the information regarding point no. 03, 04, 05, 06, 07 and 09 is with Sh. Satish Kumar, Agricultural Development Officer(Info), Fatehgarh Sahib, who had not given charge of the official-record. He also intimated the Commission that a letter vide letter no. 326 dated 29.04.2021 was sent to Sh. Satish Kumar, Agricultural Development Officer(Info), Fatehgarh Sahib with the directions to submit a reply in writing so that the same could be sent to the appellant but he had not sent any reply to the office of the chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib.
- ii) As on the earlier date of hearing, held on 15.03.2021, Sh. Satish Kumar, Agricultural Development Officer(Info), Fatehgarh Sahib, intimated the Commission that the required information, sought by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Agricultural Officer, Block Khera and he was holding only additional charge and he was got transferred from that office in the year 2016 and a reply was sent to the office of Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib, hence, it is responsibility of Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib to supply the required information to the appellant after collecting the same from the concerned office/official.
- iii) Accordingly, last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, after collecting the same from the concerned office/official, as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to send/file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, mentioning the reasons whether relevant official record is missing or whether any FIR has been lodged regarding missing record or copy of FIR (if the record is missing) to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

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The appellant, Sh. Ram Singh Pal, is not present in today's hearing.

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Sh. Satish Kumar, Agricultural Development Officer, Morinda, through letter dated 05.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that no information is pending with him. It is taken on record.

Sh. Satish Kumar, who has been transferred as Agricultural Development Officer, Morinda, is directed to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post

The Public Information Office of Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib is also directed to remain present to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order be also sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Director, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt., S. A. S. Nagar to intimate that who is concerned PIO in this particular case. He is also advised to ensure presence of the concerned PIO of office of Public Information Office of Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib and Sh. Satish Kumar, who has been transferred as Agricultural Development Officer, Morinda on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Regd. Post) iii) The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar

(Regd. Post) iv) Sh. Satish Kumar,
Agricultural Development Officer,
Morinda (Punjab)

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(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
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Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1231 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Agricultural Development Officer, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 22.01.2020. First appeal is dated 09.03.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.04.2020.
On the last date of hearing, held on 19.05.2021,

- i) Sh. Harsangeet Singh, Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib, stated that in response to the RTI request, available information at point no. 01, 08 and 10 of the RTI request was supplied to the appellant and rest of the information regarding point no. 03, 04, 05, 06, 07 and 09 is with Sh. Satish Kumar, Agricultural Development Officer(Info), Fatehgarh Sahib, who had not given charge of the official-record till date. He also intimated the Commission that a letter vide letter no. 323 dated 29.04.2021 was sent to Sh. Satish Kumar, Agricultural Development Officer(Info), Fatehgarh Sahib with the directions to submit a reply in writing so that the same could be sent to the appellant but he had not sent any reply to the office of the chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib.
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- iii) Accordingly, last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, after collecting the same from the concerned office/official, as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to send/file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, mentioning the reasons whether relevant official record is missing or whether any FIR has been lodged regarding missing record or copy of FIR (if the record is missing) to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

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- iv) A copy of the order was sent to Director, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department with the advice to intervene into the matter to ensure compliance of the above-announced order of the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Ram Singh Pal, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Agricultural Development Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that partial information has been given to the appellant and part information is not available in the official record and the then Agricultural Development Officer, Sh. Satish Kumar, who has been transferred as Agricultural Development Officer, Morinda, has not given the official record to the present Agricultural Development Officer.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Agricultural Development Officer, Morinda, through letter dated 05.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that no information is pending with him. It is taken on record.

Sh. Satish Kumar, who has been transferred as Agricultural Development Officer, Morinda, is directed to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post

The Public Information Office of Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib is also directed to remain present to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order be also sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Director, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt., S. A. S. Nagar to intimate that who is concerned PIO in this particular case. He is also advised to ensure presence of the concerned PIO of office of Public Information Office of Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib and Sh. Satish Kumar, who has been transferred as Agricultural Development Officer, Morinda on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 25th October, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 9th August, 2021

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State Information Commissioner
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(Regd. Post) i) The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase - 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar

Encl : RTI Request

(Regd. Post) ii) Sh. Satish Kumar,
Agricultural Development Officer,
Morinda (Punjab)

Encl : RTI Request

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Parmod Kumar S/o Sh. Late Sh. Hem Raj,
H. No. 2650, Watd – 12,
Near Dussehrha Ground,
Kharar, Distt. - Mohali(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre,
Phase -10, Sector 64,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 424 of 2020

Present : Sh. Parmod Kumar, the complainant in person.
Sh. Harpreet Singh, Labour –cum-Conciliation Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 24.12.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on

07.07.2020.

- On the last date of hearing, held on 19.05.2021,
- i) Sh. Harpreet Singh, Labour-cum-Conciliation Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person with Ms. Kulwant Kaur, Superintendent-cum-APIO, stated that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information was supplied to the complainant.
 - ii) The complainant stated that he has received information only at point no. 01 and 2 of the RTI request and information at point no. 03, 04 and 05, is pending.
 - iii) Nevertheless, the complainant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 20.05.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the required information.
 - iv) An opportunity was also given to the complainant to confirm whether he received the required information or not. He was also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The complainant, Sh. Parmod Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Harpreet Singh, Labour-cum-Conciliation Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person with states that the requisite information at point no. 01, 02 and 03 of the RTI request has already been supplied to the complainant and only information at point no. 04 regarding noting dated 27.08.2019 is pending as the concerned case-file is not found traceable in the official record. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 3649 dated 15.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 6599 dated 23.03.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to put more efforts to trace out the relevant official record supply certified copies of the available information to the complainant. If, the required information is not traceable in the official record, the concerned PIO in this case, will send a reply in an affidavit to the appellant stating that the requisite information, mentioning particular query raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not traceable in office-record or has gone missing. He will also file a status report that as to what action has been taken against the erring official concerned in whose custody the relevant office-record was lying.

The case is adjourned to 25th October, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Jasbir Singh S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
Village - Jalal Khera, P. O. – Sular,
Distt. -Patiala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Resources Management ,
Deptt. of Irrigation, Devigarh Division,
Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Resources Management ,
Deptt. of Irrigation, Devigarh Division, Patiala(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2867 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 03.07.2020. First appeal is dated 03.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.09.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.05.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that he received incomplete information from the respondent.
- ii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not. He was 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.
- iv) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Resources Management , Deptt. of Irrigation, Devigarh Division, Patiala, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 2519-20 dated 17.05.2021 signed by Public Information Officer-cum- Executive Engineer, Devigarh Division, IB, Patiala, which has been received in the vide Diary No. 11290 dated 25.05.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

As the appellant has not pointed out deficiencies in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO, another opportunity is given to the appellant 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.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

Both the parties are directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 25th October, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Jasbir Singh S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
Village - Jalal Khera, P. O. – Sular,
Distt. -Patiala(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Resources Management ,
Deppt. of Irrigation, Devigarh Division,
Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Resources Management ,
Deppt. of Irrigation, Devigarh Division,
Patiala(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2868 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 01.07.2020. First appeal is dated 03.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.09.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.05.2021,

- i) The appellant states that he received information only at point no. 01 of the RTI request and information at point no. 02, 03 and 04 of the RTI request, is still pending.
- ii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not. He was 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.
- iv) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Resources Management , Deppt. of Irrigation, Devigarh Division, Patiala., under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 2517-18 dated 17.05.2021 signed by Public Information Officer-cum- Executive Engineer, Devigarh Division, IB, Patiala, which has been received in the vide Diary No. 11291 dated 25.05.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

As the appellant has not pointed out deficiencies in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO, another opportunity is given to the appellant 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.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

Both the parties are directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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