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Sh.Jasbir Singh, S/o ShHarban Singh, Jalal Khera, P.O Sular, Distt. Patiala.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o SDM, Mini Secretariat, Block-A, Patiala. First Appellate Authority, O/o DC, Patiala.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No.2086 of 2020

# PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Appellant Ms.Anju Rani O/o Tehsildar Patiala for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 05.02.2020 has sought information regarding details of farmers whose crop destroyed due to flood in village Jalal Khera – name of farmers & land girdawari – patwari report and other information concerning the office of SDM Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal with the first appellate authority on 10.06.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant has received the information except part information in point-3 (i.e. the report of patwari who verified the area of crop and prepared the report). The respondent has assured to provide the remaining information within a week.

The PIO is directed to provide the remaining information within a week and send a compliance report to the Commission.

With the above order, the case is **disposed off and closed**.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated 09.11.2020 (Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh. Ph: 0172-2864114, Email: - psicsic30@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us: - <u>www.infocommpunjab.com</u>



Sh. Jasbir Singh, S/o ShHarban Singh, Jalal Khera, P.O Sular, Distt Patiala.

Versus

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,** O/o Tehsildar, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,** O/o SDM, Mini Secretariat, Block-A, Patiala.

## Appeal Case No. 2060 of 2020

...Respondent

# PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Appellant Ms.Anju Rani O/o Tehsildar Patiala for the Respondent

## ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 10.2.2020 has sought information regarding name of patwari who inspected the area of crop destroyed due to flood in village Jalal Khera – movement register – date of visit - name of persons accompanied with patwari and other information concerning the office of TehsildarPatiala.The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal with the first appellate authority on 10.06.2018 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Patiala. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant has received the information except part information in point-1 (i.e. name of patwari who verified the area). The respondent has assured to provide the remaining information within a week.

The PIO is directed to provide the remaining information within a week and send a compliance report to the Commission.

With the above order, the case is disposed off and closed.

Chandigarh Dated 09.11.2020 <sub>Sd/-</sub> (Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Harbans Singh, S/o Sh.ChunniLal, Kothi No-1, Ward No-1, Near SD School, FatehgarhChurian, Distt.Gurdaspur.

....Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer,

Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

Director, Local Govt, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 1397 of 2018

# Present: None for the Appellant None for the Respondent

**ORDER:** This order should be considered in continuation to the earlier order.

The appellant through RTI application dated 18.08.2017 sought information regarding ownership of kothi No.144, Green Field Avenue, Majitha Road, opposite Dhingra Petrol Pump Amritsar, copy of map approved and other information from the office of MC Amritsar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 04.10.2017 which disposed off the appeal on 12.12.2017. On being not satisfied with the decision of the First appellate Authority, the appellant filed second appeal in the Commission.

The case has earlier been heard on 27.06.2018, 25.07.2018, 28.08.2018, 26.09.2018, 19.11.2018, 15.01.2019, 11.03.2019, 06.05.2019, 02.07.2019, 28.08.2019, 02.12.2019, 18.02.2020, 02.07.2020 & 15.09.2020.

On the date of hearing of**11.03.2019**, APIO-HarpreetKaur(deemed PIO in this case) was found guilty for repeated and willful defiance of the Punjab State Information Commission's orders, a penalty of **Rs.25**, **000/**-was imposed uponMs.HarpreetKaur, APIO-cum-deemed PIO, O/o Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Amritsar and directed to duly inform the Commission of the compliance of the orders by producing a copy of the challan justifying the deposition of the penalty in the Govt Treasury. The PIO was again directed to provide part of the information i.e. the names of the property holders only to the appellant within a week.

On the date of hearing on **28.08.2019.**Ms.HarpreetKaur appeared and informed that she never got the order. However, she assured to comply with the order of Commission before the next date of hearing. One more opportunity was granted to Ms.HarpreetKaur,Building Inspector (Technical), MC Moga (earlier APIO-cum-deemed PIO, O/o Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Amritsar) and directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and submit proof of having deposited the amount of penalty in the Govt. Treasury.

The appellant was absent. The appellant vide email has informed that the PIO has not provided the information. The present PIO was again absent. The present PIO-MC Amritsar was given one last opportunity to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days and directed to send a compliance report to the Commission; otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action as per RTI Act.

On the last date of hearing which was fixed on **02.12.2019**,Ms.HarpreetKaur,Building Inspector (Technical), MC Moga (earlier APIO-cum-deemed PIO, O/o Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Amritsar) was present and pleaded that she was unable to deposit the penalty amount because she had not got salary for last 11 months. Sr. Town Planner, MC Moga was directed to look into the matter and send a reply to the Commission on the claim of the respondent that she is unable to deposit the penalty since she has not received salary from 11 months. The PIO-MC Amritsar was absent.

On the date of next hearing on **18.02.2020**,Ms.HarpreetKaur, Building Inspector (Technical), MC Moga (earlier APIO-cum-deemed PIO, O/o Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Amritsar) pleaded that she was still unable to deposit the penalty amount because she had not got salary and pleaded for more time. The plea was accepted and she was given one more opportunity to deposit the penalty amount before the next date of hearing.

Since the present PIO-MC Amritsar was continuously absent and there was nothing on record to show that the PIO had provided the information in compliance with the order of the Commission, the present PIO-MC Amritsar was issued a **showcause noticeunder Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file reply on an affidavit.** 

**On the** date of hearing on 02.07.2020, Ms.HarpreetKaur pleaded that she was stillunable to deposit the penalty amount as she was not released the salary and she assured to deposit the same within a month. She was given one more opportunity to deposit the penalty amount.

As per appellant, the information was not provided. Mrs. KulwinderKaur, building inspector appeared and stated that the document regarding ownership is not available in their record. The PIO was directed to give this in writing on an affidavit.

The respondent did not bring any reply to the show cause notice. The PIO was given one last opportunity to send reply to the show cause notice and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

On the date of last hearing on **15.09.2020**,Ms.HarpreetKaur, Building Inspector, MC Moga( earlier APIO-cum-Deemed PIO,MC Amritsar) informed that she has deposited the amount of penalty and a copy of challan sent to the Commission through email. The Commission had received a copy of challan as a proof of having deposited the amount of penalty in the Govt Treasury by Ms.HarpreetKaur which has been taken on the file of the Commission.

Regarding information, Sh.Narinder Kumar Sharma, PIO-MC Amritsar was present and informed that the information is 3<sup>rd</sup> party, it cannot be provided.

The Commission was of the view that since the people have name plates on their houses, which virtually amounts to announcement of who lives in the house, it was seen no reason to not provide the name of the property holder to the appellant. The PIO was directed to provide the name of the property holder at the time the RTI application was filed. The information be provided within a week. The decision on show cause will be taken on the next date of hearing.

## Hearing dated 09.11.2020:

The case has come up for hearing today video conferencing at DAC, Amritsar. Both the parties are absent.

The Commission has received a copy of letter dated 25.09.2020 through email from the office of Municipal Town Planner, MC Amritsar vide which the PIO has sent a reply to the appellant that as per report of Xen(O&S) &Suptd. Property Tax(North), the water & sewerage bill of the property No.144, Green Field, Opposite Dhingra petrol pump, Majitha is issued in the name of Lakhbir Singh s/o Sh.Mahinder Singh.

Having gone through the RTI application and the reply of the PIO, the Commission finds that the RTI has been suitably replied and compensation has been paid to the appellant, no further course of action is required. The show cause is dropped.

The case is disposed off and closed.

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated: 09.11.2020 (Khushwant Singh) S State Information Commissioner

CC to 1. The Chief Commissioner,

Nagar Nigam, Amritsar.

2. Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Building

Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Moga.

3. Sr. Town Planner,

MC, Moga.

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Sh. Harjit Singh, S/o Sh.Tarsem Singh, R/o Rose Avenue Chamiari Road, Ajnala, Distt Amritsar.

Versus

... Appellant

## Public Information Officer,

O/o Addl, SE, Operational, PSPCL, Division, Ajnala, Distt Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Engineer, Border Zone, Amritsar.

...Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 909 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Harjit Singh as the Appellant Sh.Gurmeet Singh, AEE PSPCL

for the Respondent

#### ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 06.11.2018 has sought information regarding MCO issued for domestic connection No.A11SA440328X in name of Kulwant Singh alongwith copies of ledger bill from Dec.2017 to Feb 2018 and other information from the office of Addl. SE, Operational, PSPCL Division, Ajnala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 10.12.2018 which took no decision on the appeal. Thereafter, the PIO sent information to the appellant vide letter dated 13.02.2019. On having not satisfied with the information, the appellant file second appeal with the Commission on 06.03.2019.

The case was first heard on 18.06.2019. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant was not satisfied and stated that regarding point-1, he had sought copies of MCO and SCO issued for the said electric connections. The respondent pleaded that the record stands destroyed being more than 20 years old. The PIO was directed to enquire into the matter and submit a complete enquiry report which establishes that the record is missing or destroyed as per the procedure.

The information regarding point-2 & 6 had been provided. The PIO was directed to get information regarding point-3 from the Computer Cell and provide to the appellant. The PIO was also directed to provide information on point-4 and sort out the anomaly regarding point-5.

The case was again heard on **28.11.2019.**The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent pleaded that the information has not been received from the computer cell. The PIO was given one more opportunity to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and provide the information to the appellant within 10 days

On the date of hearing on **27.01.2020**, **b**oth the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

On the date of hearing on **22.06.2020**, the appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information as per the RTI application. The respondent present pleaded that the available information has been provided and no further information is available in their record. Hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to give in writing on an affidavit that the information provided to the appellant is true, complete and no further information is available in their record. The affidavit be provided within 10 days with a copy to the Commission.

ON the date of hearing on **28.07.2020**, the appellant claimed that the affidavit provided by the PIO was not as per order of the Commission. The respondent informed that they have sent the affidavit to the Commission.

Having gone through the affidavit, the Commission found that the affidavit is not in order. The PIO was directed to provide fresh affidavit mentioning therein that whatever the information provided to the appellant (that was sought by the appellant vide RTI application dated 06.11.2018), is true, complete and no other information is available in their record.

On the date of last hearing on **15.09.2020**, the appellant informed that the fresh affidavit has not been provided by the PIO. The respondent assured to provide the same within a week.

The PIO was directed to provide fresh affidavit as per the earlier order of the Commission within a week and send a compliance report to the Commission otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action against the PIO as per provisions of section 20 of the RTI Act.

#### Hearing dated 09.11.2020:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. The respondent informed that as per order of the Commission, a fresh affidavit has been provided to the appellant. The appellant has received the same

Since an affidavit has been provided that the information provided to the appellant is complete, true and there is nothing more on the file to provide what has been sought, I see that no further course of action is required in this case. The case is **disposedoff and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated 09.11.2020 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Sh.Amritpal Singh, S/o Sh.Kulwant Singh, R/o Vishal Colony, Ward No-13, Patti,Distt.Taran Tarn.

... Complainant

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PSIC

Versus

## Public Information Officer,

O/o SDM, Rajpura.

...Respondent

# Complaint Case No. 215 of 2020

#### PRESENT: None for the Appellant Sh.Raghubir Singh, Jr.Assistant O/o SDM Rajpura for the Respondent ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 18.12.2019 sought information regarding copy of ST/ST certificate submitted by Sh.Baljinder Singh, Craft Instructor of Govt Industrial Training Institute Rajpura at the time of appointment and other information from the office of SDM Rajpura. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed a complaint in the Commission on 03.03.2020.

The case last came up for hearing on 15.09.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Amritsar. The respondent was present at Chandigarh and pleaded that the information sought by the complainant is not specified since the complainant has not mentioned the number and date of certificate in his RTI application and the appellant has been sent reply on 03.01.2020. The respondent further informed that information relates ITI Rajpura.

The PIO however, did not transfer the RTI application to the concerned PIO. The PIO was directed to procure the information from the concerned PIO and provide to the appellant.

The PIO-ITI Rajpura was also impleaded in the case and directed to provide the information that whether this particular candidate has been appointed under SC/ST category or general category. No certificate to be provided yet, except information that under what category has he been appointed.

# Hearing dated 09.11.2020:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC, **Amritsa**r. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the complainant. The complainant vide email has informed that he has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposedoff and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated 09.11.2020 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CC to PIO-Industrial Training Institute, Rajpura.