

(Regd. Post)

Satnam Singh Dhawan,
7 GIK Vihar, Manakwal,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

Versus

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1953 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 16.12.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 16.01.2020 at 11:00 A. M. and supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him as per official record.

The appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh Dhawan, through a letter dated 09.02.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission he is unable to attend today's hearing and could not visit the office of the respondent to inspect the relevant official record and requested to fix another date to inspect the relevant official record. It is taken on record.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 11302 dated 24.01.2020 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport Officer/Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, intimating the Commission that the appellant did not visit the office to inspect the relevant official record and available information has been sent to the appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh Dhawan through registered post on 30.01.2020. It, alongwith postal receipt in original, is taken on record.

Nevertheless, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 05.03.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the required information. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 05.03.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information. A copy of this order be sent to the appellant through registered post.

The respondent-PIO concerned is also directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him as per official record by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information (which would be supplied to him after inspection), in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is **adjourned to 7th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Jasbir Singh,
Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
P. O. – Ramgarh,
Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2004 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 16.12.2019 and the appellant through a letter dated 15.12.2019 has intimated the Commission that information given at point no. 01 is not as per query raised by him through RTI request. Another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the information to the appellant at point no. 01 of the RTI request through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing. submits a reply vide letter no. 10786 dated 24.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport Officer, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, intimating the Commission that available information at point no. 01 of the RTI request has been sent to the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh through registered post on 17.01.2020. It, along with a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, was not present on the last date of hearing, held on 16.12.2019 and he is also absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of all the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same and hence the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Gurmukh Singh
S/o Sh. Mahinder Singh,
House No. 610, Sector-11,
Preet Nagar, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Managing Director,
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation,
Head Office; Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/ o Managing Director,
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation,
Head Office; Patiala (Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1968 of 2019

Present : Sh. Gurmukh Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Narender Kumar, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 16.12.2019 and the appellant had intimated the commission that information given at point no. 01 is not as per query raised by him through RTI request. Another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the information at point no. 01 of the RTI request to the appellant through registered post.

Sh. Narender Kumar, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Gurmukh Singh.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmukh Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, through a letter dated 10.02.2020, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and satisfied with the same and asked for filing of this case. It is taken on record.

Since the information stands supplied, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Hirdey Pal Singh Rahi
S/o Sh. Malkiat Singh Rahi,
R/o 1601, Block –F, Adarsh Nagar,
Village Karoran (Naya Gaon),
Tehsil Kharar,
Distt. S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer
O/o Senior Superintendent of Police,
Phase – 1, Sector – 76,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 588 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Maninder Singh, Constable, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.12.2019 and last opportunity was given to the complainant to inform the Commission through registered post or via email that whether he has received the remaining information or not.

Sh. Maninder Singh, Constable, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that he has brought the requisite information of one page with a CD in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the complainant, Sh. Hirdey Pal Singh Rahi during the hearing. It, alongwith CD, is taken on record

The complainant, Sh. Hirdey Pal Singh Rahi was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 17.12.2019 and he is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission.

The complainant is advised to collect the required information of one page with CD from the Bench of the undersigned on any day during working hours. With this, the case is announced as **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Baljit Singh S/o Sh. Pritam Dass Banga,
Village Grewal, P.O. - Dhamana,
Tehsil Anandpur Sahib,
Distt. Ropar (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer
O/o The Director,
Rural Development and Panchayats,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector – 62,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

Public Information Officer
O/o The Block Development
& Panchayat Officer,
Nurpur Bedi, Distt. Ropar (Punjab)

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 583 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sukhpal Singh, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.12.2019 and the respondent PIO was advised to supply the information 'free of cost' up to 15 pages and if the information is more than 15 pages then the Complainant would deposit the required fee. The Complainant was advised to visit the concerned office on 18.12.2019 for inspection of record. The concerned PIO and Ms. Renu Bala, Superintendent were directed to be present on the fixed date and time to facilitate the complainant for inspection of record.

Sh. Sukhpal Singh, Panchayat Secretary, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 273 dated 24.01.2020 signed by Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Nurpur Bedi, intimating that the complainant did not visit the office of the respondent on the fixed date and time i. e. 18.12.2019 and the requisite information has been sent to the complainant, Sh. Baljit Singh through registered post on 24.01.2020. It, alongwith a copy of postal, is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Baljit Singh, was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 17.12.2019 and he is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the complainant has received the information and is satisfied with the same and does not wish to pursue this case further and hence the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Ravipal Singh S/o Sh. Kuldeep Singh,
Ground Floor SCO-50,
New Sunny Enclave,
Backside - KFC, Sector -125,
Kharar, Distt. Mohali-140301 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Kharar, Distt. Mohali(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Department of Local Government Punjab,
Patiala (Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2300 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.12.2019 and an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to comply the previous order dated 14.10.2019, through which, the respondent PIO was directed to supply information relating to point number 03 of the RTI request to the appellant by registered post or to file a reply in an affidavit.

Sh. Balwinder Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the remaining information at point no. 03 of the RTI request has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Ravipal Singh through registered post on 07.02.2020.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO has sent a reply vide letter no. 149 dated 07.02.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2662 dated 07.02.2020, showing that the information at point no. 03 of the RTI request has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Ravipal Singh through registered post on 07.02.2020. It, alongwith a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ravipal Singh, is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission.

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. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is **adjourned to 7th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Ms. Baljinder Kaur
D/o Sh. Mithu Singh,
V.P.O.- Sivian,
Teh. & District - Bathinda -151202 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer
(Regd. Post) O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Bathinda(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Bathinda(Punjab)

. ...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 492 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.12.2019 and representatives of both the parties were mutually agreed for inspection of the relevant official record within a week from that day.

The appellant, Ms. Baljinder Kaur through a letter dated 10.02.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that she is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, she has also intimated the Commission that remaining information has not been supplied to her by the respondent PIO.

Neither the respondent PIO nor his representative is present in today's hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information to the appellant or file a reply as status report, in writing, for the information which is still pending to be supplied, by or on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 7th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Sarabjit Singh S/o Late Sh. Harbans Singh,
House No. 292,
Nagar Sudhar, Trust Colony,
Scheme No. 5, Jail Road,
Gurdaspur(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Dera Baba Nanak,
Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2305 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Anil Mehta, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.12.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply complete information to the appellant. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, to the respondent PIO. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dera Baba Nanak, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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

Sh. Anil Mehta, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 51 dated 06.02.2020 signed by himself, intimating the Commission that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh vide letter no. 41 dated 04.02.2020. On that reply, the appellant has put his signatures on 04.02.2020 as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information.

As the respondent PIO has supplied the required information to the appellant to his satisfaction and the appellant has also acknowledged that he has received the required information, hence, show cause issued to the concerned respondent PIO is **dropped**.

In view of all the above, the case is announced as **disposed of and closed**.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
District - Ludhiana -141101 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)

Public Information Officer
(Regd. Post) O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2608 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO O/o Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha and none
appeared from office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon, on behalf
of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.12.2019 and the PIO of office of Executive
Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon, was directed to supply complete information to the
appellant through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out
deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, to the respondent PIO.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in
today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO of office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council,
Mullanpur Dakha, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing.

But neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council,
Jagraon 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 to
the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders
dated 17.12.2019.

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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 Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon, 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 case is **adjourned to 7th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
District - Ludhiana -141101 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2609 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.12.2019 and the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was 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 with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate vide letter no. 1008 dated 13.12.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information supplied to him is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 28.02.2020 at 11:00 A. M. and supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him before the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the appellant to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 28.02.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

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

Sh. Parminder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha ;
Sh. Suresh Kumar, Section Officer and Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

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 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 by the next date of hearing.

The respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, is directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 7th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
District - Ludhiana -141101 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2610 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.12.2019 and the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was 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 with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information supplied to him is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 28.02.2020 at 11:00 A. M. and supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him before the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the appellant to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 28.02.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

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

Sh. Parminder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha ;
Sh. Suresh Kumar, Section Officer and Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

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 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 by the next date of hearing.

The respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, is directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 7th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
District - Ludhiana -141101 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3445 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.12.2019 and the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 27.12.2019 at 11:00 A. M. and supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1046 dated 27.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 27.12.2019, has intimated the Commission that the appellant did not visit the office of the respondent on 27.12.2019 to inspect the relevant official record and a letter was sent to him vide letter no. 1045 dated 27.12.2019 to visit the office of the respondent on 06.01.2020 for inspection. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 28.02.2020 at 11:00 A. M. and supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him before the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the appellant to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 28.02.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

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

Sh. Parminder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha ;
Sh. Suresh Kumar, Section Officer and Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

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 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 by the next date of hearing.

The respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, is directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 7th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
District - Ludhiana -141101 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3446 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.12.2019 and the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 27.12.2019 at 11:00 A. M. and supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1046 dated 27.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 27.12.2019, has intimated the Commission that the appellant did not visit the office of the respondent on 27.12.2019 to inspect the relevant official record and a letter was sent to him vide letter no. 1045 dated 27.12.2019 to visit the office of the respondent on 06.01.2020 for inspection. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 28.02.2020 at 11:00 A. M. and supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him before the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the appellant to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 28.02.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

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

Sh. Parminder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha ;
Sh. Suresh Kumar, Section Officer and Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

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 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 by the next date of hearing.

The respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, is directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 7th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
District - Ludhiana -141101 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3447 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.12.2019 and the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 27.12.2019 at 11:00 A. M. and supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1046 dated 27.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 27.12.2019, has intimated the Commission that the appellant did not visit the office of the respondent on 27.12.2019 to inspect the relevant official record and a letter was sent to him vide letter no. 1045 dated 27.12.2019 to visit the office of the respondent on 06.01.2020 for inspection. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 28.02.2020 at 11:00 A. M. and supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him before the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the appellant to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 28.02.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

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

Sh. Parminder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha ;
Sh. Suresh Kumar, Section Officer and Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

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 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 by the next date of hearing.

The respondent PIO-cum-Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, is directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 7th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

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Date : 10th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Gurdial Singh Saini,
S-11/215, Gentle Colony,
Behind S. D. Colony,
Dhaaki, Pahankot (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Improvement Trust,
Pathankot(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Improvement Trust,
Pathankot(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2182 of 2019

Present : Sh. Pawan Kumar, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Bharatendu Sharma, Legal Advisor, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.12.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply remaining information At point no. 02, 03, 04, 05, 06 and 08 of the RTI request to the appellant through registered post or file a written-reply in the shape of an affidavit. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, to the respondent PIO.

Sh. Bharatendu Sharma, Legal Advisor, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 4293 dated 31.01.2020 , showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Gurdial Singh Saini. He also submits a reply dated 10.02.2020 in an affidavit, signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Pathankot. He also hands over the affidavit in original to representative of the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. It, alongwith a copy of affidavit, is taken on record.

Sh. Pawan Kumar, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Gurdial Singh Saini, in today's hearing, states that the reply given today and reply given earlier by the respondent is contradictory.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to express his grievance or grievances through a written submission to the PIO through an e-mail with a copy to the Commission at the earliest so that the same could be counter-replied by the respondent PIO concerned.

The respondent PIO is directed to file a counter-reply to the written-submission, which would be sent by the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

Ms. Kavita Arora, Advocate, appeared (with authority letter vide letter no. 3559 dated 14.10.2019), on behalf of the respondent party in today's hearing.

As under provisions of Para 8 - G (b) and (c) of "Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2018", the State entities are to be represented by Lawyers from a panel of Lawyers drawn up in Consultation with the Advocate General "as it is doubtful if the Advocates appearing in the Punjab State Information Commission on behalf of State Government have been engaged out of panel drawn by the Advocate General, Punjab and requested to ensure that the State Government may be represented by the authorized Law officers with the consultation of the Advocate General, Punjab and the provisions of "Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2018" are taken care while doing the practice and keeping in view of provisions of Para 8-G (b) and (c) of "Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2018".

In view of the above, the above-said 'Authority Letter' (vide letter no. 3559 dated 14.10.2019) submitted by Ms. Kavita Arora, Advocate is not acceptable and no cognizance of her presence is taken.

The case is **adjourned to 7th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

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Date : 10th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
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Punjab**