

Rann Singh
S/o Sh. Amar Singh,
H. No. 40, Street No. 01,
Near Guru Nanak Public School,
Jagtar Nagar,
Patiala - 147003(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Devigarh Division, (I. B.),
Patiala (Punjab)

Encl:RTI & letter 1357

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Bhakra Main Line,
Circle Patiala(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 790 of 2020

Present : Sh. Rann 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 08.11.2019. First appeal is dated 18.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 16.11.2020,

- i) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 5331 dated 11.11.2020 had intimated the Commission that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to send the requisite information again to the appellant through registered post with a copy of the information to the Commission.
- iii) 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 through registered post well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned

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

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 623-24 dated 01.02.2021 signed by PIO-cum-Executive Engineer, Devigarh Division, (I. B.), Patiala, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2934 dated 08.02.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant through registered post. It, alongwith a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rann Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information supplied to him by the respondent PIO is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request as he has demanded action taken report on letter no. 1357 dated 02.09.2019 and the information given is irrelevant.

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As the respondent PIO through letter no. 623-24 dated 01.02.2021 has only sent forwarding letter of the reply with a copy of postal receipt but not sent copy of the information (which was supplied to the appellant), hence, directions are hereby given to send a copy of the information (already supplied to the appellant) to the Commission. He is also directed to send the complete information as demanded through RTI request i. e. action taken report on letter no. 1357 dated 02.09.2019 to the appellant with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing positively.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

The requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

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 Engineer, Devigarh Division, (I. B.), Patiala, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', 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 alongwith the RTI request and letter no. 1357 dated 02.09.2019.

The case is adjourned to 19th April, 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 : 10th February, 2021

Encl:RTI and letter 1357

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sandeep Kumar S/o Sh. Ranjit Singh,
H. No. 72-E/40, New Valmiki Colony,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar,
Pakhawal Road, Basant Avenue,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 60 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone- A, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 11.12.2018. First appeal is dated 11.04.2019. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 16.11.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was
directed to send a point-wise reply to the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request to
the Commission with a copy to the appellant.

Sh. Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone – A, who appeared on behalf of the PIO
in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 5282
dated 29.01.2019 and again vide letter dated 17.07.2019. He also intimates the Commission that a
reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 368 dated 05.02.2021, which has been
received in the Commission vide Diary No. 3060 dated 09.02.2021. It is taken on record.

As from the above-mentioned, reply sent by the respondent vide letter no. 368
dated 05.02.2021, it appears that replies were sent to the appellant vide letter dated 29.01.2019 and
dated 17.07.2019 but copies of the replies are not enclosed with that reply.

Hence, directions are hereby given to the respondent PIO to send copy of replies
given vide letter dated 29.01.2019 and dated 17.07.2019, to the Commission.

The respondent PIO has sent a reply vide letter no. 377 dated 10.02.2021 to the
show cause issued to him vide orders dated 22.06.2020, which has been received in the
Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sandeep Kumar was absent on the hearings, held on 22.06.2020,
01.09.2020 and 16.11.2020. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation.

Nevertheless, last 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 does not
wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 19th April, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing
through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 10th February, 2021

Amandeep Singh Gill
S/o Sh. Nirmal Singh Gill,
Street No. 15, Peeru Banda,
Salem Tibri, Ludhiana-141008(Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer,
Block Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o Village Development Officer (V.D.O.),
O/o Gram Panchayat,
Khuh-Chah-Parsia, Block Ghall Khurd,
Distt. Ferozepur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 450 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Raj Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 10.01.2019. The compliant has been received in the Commission on 13.05.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 16.11.2020,

- i) As none of the PIOs came present personally from offices of B.D.P.O., Block Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur and PIO office of Village Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Khuh-Chah-Parsia, Block Ghall Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur, as directed vide orders dated 17.09.2020. Last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIOs concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries (whichever relates to his/her office) raised by him through his RTI request.
- ii) After seeing the conduct of the concerned respondent PIOs, the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- was enhanced by Rs. 5000/- i. e. from Rs. 5000/- to Rs.10000/- (penalty already imposed Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 07.07.2020) + enhanced (announced today) Rs. 5000/- = Rs. 10,000/-) and further disciplinary action was also recommended under Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act against them (above-said PIOs) for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and for not complying the order passed by the Commission vide orders dated 07.07.2020 and 17.09.2020.

Sh. Raj Singh, Superintendent, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that complete information has been supplied to the appellant on 05.11.2020 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 3105 dated 09.11.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 09.02.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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The complainant, Sh. Amandeep Singh Gill, is not present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which was supplied by respondent PIO) or not. He is also advised 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 this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Last and final opportunity was given to the respondent-PIOs concerned i. e. i) PIO of office of B.D.P.O., Block Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur and ii) PIO of office of Village Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Khuh-Chah-Parsia, Block Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur, to comply with the orders dated 16.11.2020 passed by the Commission by depositing penalty of Rs. 10000/- (penalty already imposed Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 07.07.2020) + enhanced (announced today) Rs. 5000/- = Rs. 10,000/-) into the Government Treasury and a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

The case is adjourned to 19th April, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Ravi Jindal, Advocate,
Chamber No. 427,
District Court Complex,
Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector -17, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 143 of 2020

Present : Sh. Ravi Jindal, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Asees Singh, Project Co-ordinator, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 20.07.2019. First appeal is dated 05.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 16.11.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to send a proper point-wise reply, under his signatures, to the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, to him through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Asees Singh, Project Co-ordinator, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 19.01.2021 through an e-mail. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2365 dated 19.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1492 dated 21.01.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ravi Jindal, 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 his RTI request.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 25.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 25.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information and 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 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 case is adjourned to 19th April, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
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Ravi Jindal, Advocate,
Chamber No. 427,
District Court Complex,
Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector -17, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4514 of 2019

Present : Sh. Ravi Jindal, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Asees Singh, Project Co-ordinator, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 22.07.2019. First appeal is dated 24.09.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 16.11.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to send a proper reply, in writing, at point no. 02 of RTI request to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Asees Singh, Project Co-ordinator, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.11.2020 through an e-mail. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 25439 dated 11.11.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16210 dated 13.11.2020. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ravi Jindal, 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 his RTI request.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 25.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 25.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information and 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 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 case is adjourned to 19th April, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Punjab

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Ms. Navjeet Kaur,
R/o House Number 43,
Mohalla Darapur, Near Session Chowk,
Hoshiapur-146001(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Technical Education and
Industrial Training Department, Pb.,
Sector 36-A, Plot Number 1, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Technical Education and
Industrial Training Department, Pb.,
Sector 36-A, Plot Number 1, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4657 of 2019

Present : Ms. Navjeet Kaur, the appellant in person.
Ms. Monika Bansal, Deputy Director(Tech. Edu.), in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 18.09.2019. First appeal is dated 31.10.2019. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 16.11.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to send a proper reply (to the RTI request) to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training Department, Pb., Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Ms. Monika Bansal, Deputy Director(Tech. Edu.), who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been given to the appellant.

The appellant, Ms. Navjeet Kaur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that she has demanded information regarding eleven vacant posts of 'Physics' Lecturers and whatever reply/information given to her is not as per queries raised by her through RTI request.

After going through the documents placed in the case-file /replies earlier submitted by the respondent PIO and finding it not proper, directions are hereby given to the concerned PIO to file a proper reply to the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request. He/She(respondent PIO) is also advised to send the reply to the appellant through registered post in advance with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing positively.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether she has received the information/reply (which would be sent to him by the respondent PIO, or not.

The case is adjourned to 19th April, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
Ward No 18, St. No -2,
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,
Khanna-141401, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer ,
Municipal Council, Amloh Road,
Khanna-141401, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Govt., 1st Floor, Mini Sectt.,
Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3070 of 2019

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
Sh. Rajesh Rehni, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 05.05.2019. First appeal is dated 21.06.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.08.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.12.2020,

- i) Sh. Gurinder Singh, Superintendent, stated that the information of thirty one pages was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, stated that incomplete information was given to him.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect relevant official record on 23.12.2020 at 02:00 P. M. so that the required information could be identified by the appellant.
- iv) The appellant was also advised to visit the office of the respondent today itself i. e. 23.12.2020 at 02:00 P. M. in the office-room of Sh. Gurinder Singh, Superintendent and inspect the relevant official record to identify the required information.
- v) Last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply complete information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in today's hearing, orally states that he has visited the office on 23.12.2020 to inspect relevant official record but the related case-file was not handed over to him for inspection.

Sh. Rajesh Rehni, Junior Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, seeks an adjournment in this case and also requests to fix another date for inspection of the relevant official record.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 11.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to inspect the relevant official record.

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The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 11.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information and also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.

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

Sh. Rajesh Rehni, Junior Engineer, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant 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 case is adjourned to 19th April, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Khanna-141401,
Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer ,
Municipal Council, Amloh Road,
Khanna-141401,
Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Govt., 1st Floor, Mini Sectt.,
Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 769 of 2018

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
Sh. Rajesh Rehni, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 28.08.2017. First appeal is dated 27.10.2017. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.02.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.12.2020,

- i) Sh. Gurinder Singh, Superintendent, stated that the information has been supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, stated that incomplete information was given to him.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect relevant official record on 23.12.2020 at 02:00 P. M. so that the required information could be identified by the appellant.
- iv) The appellant was also advised to visit the office of the respondent today itself i. e. 23.12.2020 at 02:00 P. M. in the office-room of Sh. Gurinder Singh, Superintendent and inspect the relevant official record to identify the required information.
- v) Final opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned either to supply the certified copies of the complete information (which would be identified by the appellant after inspection) to the appellant. 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, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission

Sh. Rajesh Rehni, Junior Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that complete information has been supplied to the appellant .

Sh. Rajesh Rehni, Junior Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant visited the office on 23.12.2020 to inspect relevant official record and afterwards, complete information has been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in today's hearing, orally states that information at point no. 05 of the RTI request is still pending.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 11.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the remaining information at point no. 05 of the RTI request.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant, during his visit to office on 11.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant 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 case is adjourned to 19th April, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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...Appellant

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Municipal Council, Amlah Road,
Khanna-141401,
Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Govt., 1st Floor, Mini Sectt.,
Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3253 of 2018

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
Sh. Rajesh Rehni, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 28.06.2018. First appeal is dated 19.08.2018. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.09.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.12.2020, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the site on 24.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the required samples. The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent on 24.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the required samples after inspection of the related site. Final opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned either to supply the remaining required samples of the material regarding point no. 03 of the RTI request positively to the appellant after inspection or file a reply, in writing, to the particular query no. 03 of the RTI request, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. Another opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information/reply, or not.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in today's hearing, orally states that the concerned official was not be available on 24.12.2020 on the related site to provide required samples of the material regarding point no. 03 of the RTI request .

Sh. Rajesh Rehni, Junior Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a letter was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 2456 dated 08.01.2021 to visit the related site on 09.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required samples of the material. He also seeks an adjournment in this case and also requests to fix another date for inspection of the related site to identify the samples of the material regarding point no. 03 of the RTI request.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the related site on 22.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the required samples of the material.

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The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 22.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the required samples after inspection of the related site.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the required samples of the material, which would be identified by the appellant regarding point no. 03 of the RTI request positively to the appellant or file a reply, in writing, to the particular query no. 03 of the RTI request, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

Another opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information/reply, or not, by the next date of hearing.

As the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 23.12.2020.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Officer , Municipal Council, Khanna, as to why disciplinary action be not recommended against him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', 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 19th April, 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 : 10th February, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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