

Manvinder Singh Gill  
S/o Sh. Jaskaran Singh,  
H. No. 60, Gurteg Bahadur Nagar,  
Kotkapura Road, Street No. 1,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib -152026 (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s

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

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 646 of 2019**

Present : Sh. Jaspal Singh, the appellant in person.  
i) Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent O/o State Transport Commissioner,  
Pb., Chandigarh ;  
ii) Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk appeared from office of Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority, Faridkot.

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 31.05.2019. The complaint has been received in the  
Commission on 24.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.02.2021,

- i) Final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post.
- ii) An opportunity was also 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.
- iii) A copy of the order alongwith orders dated 07.01.2020 was sent through registered post to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh with the advice to ensure compliance of the order dated 07.01.2020 passed by the Commission regarding penalty, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot under intimation to the Commission

Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent, who appeared from office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, states that Deputy Controller (Finance & Accounts) vide letter no. 4181-82 dated 08.02.2021 has ordered the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur to deduct the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- which was imposed vide orders dated 28.01.2020, from the salary of Sh. Gurnam Singh (the then PIO concerned), Assistant Transport Officer presently posted at office of Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur. She also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 9019 dated 07.04.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 7978 dated 07.04.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, who appeared from office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, states that in response to the RTI request, a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 30.04.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 4973 dated 30.04.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

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

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the above-mentioned reply or not, sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 30.04.2021. 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'.

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh with the advice to send compliance report regarding penalty, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot vide order dated 28.01.2020 to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 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 :10<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh

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Jaspal Singh  
S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh,  
New Bedi Colony, Phase – II,  
Backside Bhagat Singh Colony,  
Ferozepur City (152002) (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer  
O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Faridkot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,  
Jiwandep Building, Sector 17,  
Chandigarh

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1221 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jaspal Singh, the appellant in person.  
i) Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent O/o State Transport Commissioner,  
Pb., Chandigarh ;  
ii) Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk appeared from office of Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority, Faridkot.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 22.10.2018. First appeal is dated 16.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.03.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.02.2021,

- i) Final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post.
- ii) An opportunity was also 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.
- iii) A copy of the order alongwith orders dated 28.01.2020 was sent through registered post to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh with the advice to ensure compliance of the order dated 28.01.2020 passed by the Commission regarding penalty, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot under intimation to the Commission

Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent, who appeared from office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, states that the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- which was imposed vide orders dated 28.01.2020, has been deducted from the salary of Sh. Gurnam Singh (the then PIO concerned), Assistant Transport Officer presently posted at office of Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur. She also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 11408 dated 10.05.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith copy of "Pay Recovery Schedule", is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, who appeared from office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, seeks an adjournment in this case.

Final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

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

The PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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

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Rajinder Pal Sharma,  
Street No. 04, Farid Nagar,  
T – Point, G. T. Road,  
Rampura Phul – 151103  
Distt. - Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- (Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Secretary to  
Government of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Irrigation, Punjab,  
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh
- (Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chief Engineer/Canals,  
Water Resource Department, Punjab,  
Sector 18, Chandigarh
- (Regd. Post) iii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o S. D. O.,  
Bathinda Canal Division,  
Bathinda

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Chief Secretary to  
Government of Punjab,  
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2107 of 2020

Present : Sh. Rajinder Pal Sharma, 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 25.09.2019. First appeal is dated Nil. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.08.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.02.2021, a copy of the reply given by the respondent PIO vide letter no. 8511 dated 17.11.2020 was sent to the appellant alongwith the order with the advice to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information/reply supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Pal Sharma, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he could not point-out deficiencies in the supplied information as directed vide orders dated 08.02.2021 and seeks an adjournment in this case so that deficiencies could be pointed-out.

An opportunity is also 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.

Neither the respondent PIOs of i) office of Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Irrigation, Punjab, Chandigarh ; ii) office of Chief Engineer/Canals, Water Resource Department, Punjab, Chandigarh and iii) office of S. D. O. office of Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda nor any of their representative is present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the PIOs of i) office of Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Irrigation, Punjab, Chandigarh ; ii) office of Chief Engineer/Canals, Water Resource Department, Punjab and iii) office of S. D. O. office of Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda to represent this case to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' with the directions to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant (whichever query/queries relates to their office), to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission. A copy of this order be sent to them through registered post.

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

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 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

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Satish Kumar  
S/o Sh. Des Raj,  
Village – Badal,  
P. O. – Badal, Tehsil – Malout,  
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal,  
Rural Institute for Vocational Training,  
Badal (Malout),  
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

...Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 1005 of 2019**

Present : Sh. Satish Kumar, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Rajan Doda, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 27.09.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 25.11.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.02.2021, another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to facilitate the complainant to inspect the relevant official record on any working day during working hours so that the complainant could identify the information. An opportunity was given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection 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 .

The complainant, Sh. Satish Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information (already) supplied to him by the respondent PIO is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request as he has demanded information of employees, whose services have been regularized during the period from 09, October 2016 to 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 but the respondent has given him a copy of information for the period of year 2015.

Sh. Rajan Doda, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal (the concerned PIO) is not able to attend today's hearing due to 'Covid Duty' and requests on his (the concerned PIO's) behalf for an adjournment in the instant complaint case.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a reply, in response to each and every query raised through RTI request, to the complainant with a copy to the Commission. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the complainant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send/file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the complainant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

An opportunity is also given to the complainant, to confirm whether he has received the information/reply or not.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 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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Pritam Singh S/o Sh. Piar Singh,  
H. No. 6212, Street No. 02,  
Backside A. T. I. College,  
New Janta Nagar, Ludhiana(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department. Pb.,  
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,  
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1514 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Dr. Baldev Singh, Joint Director-cum-PIO(Inputs), in person.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 21.12.2019. First appeal is dated 06.02.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.06.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.02.2021, as information sought for by the appellant through his RTI request is regarding details of appointment of an employee, which is not 'personal information', hence, directions were given to the respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, 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 PIO concerned.

Dr. Baldev Singh, Joint Director-cum-PIO(Inputs), who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information of six pages (after collecting the same from Statistical Officer and Establishment – 2 Branch) has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 09.03.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 186 dated 09.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 5748 dated 10.03.2021. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

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

An opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information already supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. 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' 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.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 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. Kamaldeep Kaur  
W/o Sh. Ajaipal Singh,  
Village – Gumtala,  
Opp. Govt. Dispensary, Ward No. 05,  
Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Senior Supdt. of Police,  
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Senior Supdt. of Police,  
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3389 of 2020

Present : Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Satnam Singh, A. S. I., on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 15.07.2020. First appeal is dated 21.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.11.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.02.2021, another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a point wise reply under signatures of the concerned PIO, to each and every query raised by the appellant through her RTI request, to the appellant as well as a copy to the Commission. 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent PIO concerned.

Sh. Satnam Singh, A. S. I., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 572-74 dated 12.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 5928 dated 16.03.2021. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that she has received only a reply from the respondent but not received the required information in the instant appeal-case as she has demanded action taken report on a complaint filed through telephonic message.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to file a reply, in writing, mentioning whether any action was taken on the complaint received through telephonic message, or not.

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, or not.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 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

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

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Senior Town Planner  
O/o The Director,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 684 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, 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 20.01.2021, which was filed in the office of the respondent PIO under Section 7 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005. First appeal is dated 25.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.02.2021 under 'Life and Liberty' clause, which was allocated to the Bench of the undersigned to be considered under General category vide Office-note dated 11.02.2021.

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 so far.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 681 dated 23.03.2021 signed by Superintendent-cum-PIO, Local Government-3 Branch, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8098 dated 09.04.2021, has intimated the Commission that RTI request dated 20.01.2021 of the appellant has been transferred to Public Information Officer office of Senior Town Planner office of Local Government Punjab under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act with an intimation to the appellant. It is taken on record.

As the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Senior Town Planner, hence, Public Information Officer office of Senior Town Planner office of Local Government Punjab be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed 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' positively.

As the RTI request has not been transferred to the concerned office within stipulated time as provisions of the RTI Act, hence, the Public Information Officer of office of Superintendent-cum-PIO, Local Government-3 Branch is also directed 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' so that the facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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

Encl : RTI request

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
LG – 3 Branch,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

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

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 685 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Navdeep Sharma, Chief Sanitary Inspector (C. V. O. Cell) , on behalf of the  
respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 16.01.2021, which was filed in the office of the respondent  
PIO under Section 7 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005. First appeal is dated 25.01.2021. Second appeal has  
been received in the Commission on 09.02.2021 under 'Life and Liberty' clause, which was  
allocated to the Bench of the undersigned to be considered under General category vide Office-  
note dated 11.02.2021.

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 so far.

Sh. Navdeep Sharma, Chief Sanitary Inspector of (C. V. O. Cell), who appeared  
on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, a  
reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 03.05.2021. He also intimates the  
Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1408 dated  
19.04.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 9842 dated 03.05.2021. It is  
taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in  
today's hearing, states that no such reply (as mentioned above) has been received by him from  
the respondent PIO.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the above  
mentioned reply again to the appellant through an e-mail, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the  
above mentioned reply or not.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 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

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

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 686 of 2021**

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

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 18.01.2021, which was filed in the office of the respondent  
PIO under Section 7 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005. First appeal is dated 25.01.2021. Second appeal has  
been received in the Commission on 09.02.2021 under 'Life and Liberty' clause, which was  
allocated to the Bench of the undersigned to be considered under General category vide Office-  
note dated 11.02.2021.

Sh. Ramaninder Singh, APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in  
today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request a reply has already been sent to the  
appellant vide letter no. 388 dated 18.02.2021 through registered post. Through that letter, he (the  
appellant) was intimated that the information demanded through RTI request is regarding enquiry  
reports on certain letters, which are not available in the official-record as never received in the  
office. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide  
letter no. 719 dated 31.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8124  
dated 09.04.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in  
today's hearing, states that no such reply (as mentioned above) has been received by him from  
the respondent PIO.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the above  
mentioned reply again to the appellant through registered post by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the  
above mentioned reply or not.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 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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Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,  
8/237, Jagraon Road,  
Mandi Mullanpur,  
Distt. – Ludhiana -141101(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 687 of 2021**

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

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 17.01.2021, which was filed in the office of the respondent

PIO under Section 7 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005. First appeal is dated 25.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.02.2021 under 'Life and Liberty' clause, which was allocated to the Bench of the undersigned to be considered under General category vide Office-note dated 11.02.2021.

Sh. Ramaninder Singh, APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 388 dated 18.02.2021 through registered post. Through that letter, he (the appellant) was intimated that the information demanded through RTI request is regarding enquiry reports on certain letters, which are not available in the official-record as never received in the office. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 719 dated 31.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8124 dated 09.04.2021. A copy of the same, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no such reply (as mentioned above) has been received by him from the respondent PIO.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the above mentioned reply again to the appellant through registered post by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the above mentioned reply or not.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner  
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Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Senior Town Planner  
O/o The Director,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03,  
Sector 35 - A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 688 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, 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 20.01.2021, which was filed in the office of the respondent PIO under Section 7 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005. First appeal is dated 25.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.02.2021 under 'Life and Liberty' clause, which was allocated to the Bench of the undersigned to be considered under General category vide Office-note dated 11.02.2021.

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 so far.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 681 dated 23.03.2021 signed by Superintendent-cum-PIO, Local Government-3 Branch, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8098 dated 09.04.2021, has intimated the Commission that RTI request dated 20.01.2021 of the appellant has been transferred to Public Information Officer office of Senior Town Planner office of Local Government Punjab under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act with an intimation to the appellant. A copy of the same is taken on record.

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As the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Senior Town Planner, hence, Public Information Officer office of Senior Town Planner office of Local Government Punjab be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed 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' positively.

As the RTI request has not been transferred to the concerned office within stipulated time as provisions of the RTI Act, hence, the Public Information Officer of office of Superintendent-cum-PIO, Local Government-3 Branch is also directed 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' so that the facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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

Encl : RTI request

(Regd. Post)

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Local Government, Punjab,  
LG – 3 Branch,  
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Mandi Mullanpur,  
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....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Sub Divisional Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply  
and Sewerage Board,  
Sub-Division - Jagraon,  
Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Sub Divisional Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply  
and Sewerage Circle,  
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 690 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, 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 09.03.2020. First appeal is dated 18.03.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.02.2021.

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 so far.

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

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 Sub Divisional Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Sub-Division - Jagraon, Distt. - Ludhiana, 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 the RTI request be sent to him alongwith this order through registered post for ready reference.

An opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by the respondent) or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Davinder Pal Singh  
S/o Sh. Gurdip Singh,  
H. No. 94, New Officer's Colony,  
Patiala - 147001(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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O/o The Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan,  
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03,  
Chandigarh

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O/o The Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 641 of 2021

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 04.11.2020. First appeal is dated 12.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.01.2021.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 730 dated 31.03.2021 signed by PIO office of Local Government – 3 Branch, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8127 dated 09.04.2021, has intimated the Commission that the required information has been given to the appellant vide letter no. 2936 dated 24.11.2020. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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

An opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information already supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. 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' 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.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, if any, would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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