

Sarabjeet Singh Gill,
House no. 60-35-P-376-1,
Street No. 8, Maha Singh Nagar,
P.O. - Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana-141014 (Punjab)

...Appellant

(Regd. Post) V/s
Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairperson,
Improvement Trust,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chairperson,
Improvement Trust,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1475 of 2019

Present : Sh. Amarjit Singh, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Harmeet Singh, Junior Assistant-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 15.06.2020 and last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO to supply the certified copies of the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant through letter dated 14.03.2020, to him by registered post.

Sh. Harmeet Singh, Junior Assistant-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information has already been supplied to the appellant.

Sh. Amarjit Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill in today's hearing in this particular case, intimates that information at point no. 01, 04 and 05 of the RTI request is still pending.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO to supply the certified copies of the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant during the hearing, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the information and copy of the postal receipt (through which information would be sent to the appellant), to the Commission.

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 15.06.2020, the Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

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 Improvement Trust, Ludhiana, 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 13th October, 2020 (Tuesday) 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 August, 2020

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

Sarabjeet Singh Gill,
House no. 60-35-P-376-1,
Street No. 8, Maha Singh Nagar,
P.O. - Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana-141014 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
O & M Cell,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o Superintendent,
(Tehbazari Branch),
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 399 of 2020

Present : Sh. Amarjit Singh, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Purshotam Lal, Executive Engineer(Workshop/O & M Cell), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 15.06.2020 and last opportunity was given to the PIO/PIOs concerned of O & M Cell and Establishment branch of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana to supply the certified copies of the required information (whichever query/queries relates to their office) to the appellant through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the information and copy of the postal receipt (through which information would be sent to the appellant), by the next date of hearing to the Commission.

Sh. Amarjit Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill in today's hearing in this particular case, intimates that information at point no. 01, 02 and 05 of the RTI request is still pending.

Sh. Harmeet Singh, Junior Assistant-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information at point no. 03 and 04 of the RTI request, which relates to Workshop/O & M Cell, has already been supplied to the appellant.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 30 dated 07.08.2020 signed by PIO, O & M, Zone- B, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission vide through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the required information, which relates to Workshop/O & M Cell, has already been supplied to the appellant and the appellant also through a letter dated 17.07.2020 has acknowledged that he has received information at point no. 03 and 04 of the RTI request, which relates with Tehbazari Branch, is still pending. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

As information at point no. 03 and 04 of the RTI request (as per version of the appellant), relates with Tehbazari Branch, a copy of this order be sent to respondent -PIO office of Superintendent, Tehbazari Branch of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, with the directions to supply the certified copies of the at point no. 03 and 04 of the RTI request, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the information and copy of the postal receipt (through which information would be sent to the appellant), to the Commission. A copy of this order be sent to him 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 13th October, 2020 (Tuesday) 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 August, 2020

Encl : RTI request

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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

...Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1734 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 15.06.2020 and the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 206 dated 12.06.2020, has intimated the Commission that in compliance to the orders dated 21.01.2020, the required information had been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 13332 dated 05.03.2020 through registered post. As the required Information was not received by the appellant, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to send the required information again to the appellant through registered post at his residential address. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the Information or not and 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.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing. states that in response to the RTI request, the complete information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a copy of reply vide letter no. 755 dated 27.07.2020 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, Zone – D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 9564 dated 07.08.2020, has intimated the Commission that complete information has been supplied to the appellant. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the complete information in the instant appeal case.

As the appellant has given his consent to dispose the case, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :10th August, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Khanna,
Distt. -Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Khanna,
Distt. -Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4251 of 2019

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

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 15.06.2020 and Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer, Nagar-cum-PIO, who appeared on that day, sought an adjournment in this case so that the required information could be supplied to the appellant, accordingly, last and final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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 .

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the required information has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 11.02.2020 to the concerned PIO with the directions to the concerned PIO to supply the complete information to the appellant.

Contd...2/-

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability, moreover, he has also not sent any document, showing that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna. **A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.**

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services
60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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.

The case is **adjourned to 13th October, 2020 (Tuesday) 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 August, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Gagandeep Singh Threke,
S.C.O. 26, Shant Park,
Main SuA Road, Threke
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. 36 of 2020

Present : Sh. Gagandeep Singh Threke , the appellant in person.
Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Draftsman, Zone – D, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 15.06.2020 and **a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.** Last and final opportunity was also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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 PIO concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Gagandeep Singh Threke , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the required information has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Draftsman, Zone – D, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that states that the requisite information sought for by the appellant is voluminous in nature, moreover not specific and a reply vide letter no. 565 dated 09.03.2020 has been sent to the appellant intimating him that the information sought for by him is voluminous in nature and requested him to be more specific for what he demands, so that information could be provided to him positively.

Contd...2/-

The respondent PIO has also sent a reply vide letter no. 591 dated 29.06.2020 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – D, Ludhiana which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 7828 dated 06.07.2020, showing that a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 565 dated 09.03.2020, intimating him that the information sought for by him is voluminous in nature and requested him to be more specific for what he demands, so that information could be provided to him positively. It is taken on record.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 27.08.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify and specify the required information. The appellant is also advised to visit the office of the respondent to inspect the relevant official record on 27.08.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify and specify the information. If the required information (specified by the appellant) still found voluminous in nature, the respondent PIO concerned would provide it in electronic form i. e. CD or pen-drive, which would be brought by the appellant.

The respondent-PIO concerned and Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Draftsman, Zone – D would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned 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 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 case is **adjourned to 13th October, 2020 (Tuesday) 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 August, 2020

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

Gagandeep Singh Threke,
S.C.O. 26, Shant Park,
Main Sua Road, Threke
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairperson,
Improvement Trust,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 37 of 2020

Present : Sh. Gagandeep Singh Threke, the appellant in person.
Sh. Harmeet Singh, Junior Assistant-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 15.06.2020 and a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Improvement Trust, Ludhiana. Last and final opportunity was also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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 PIO concerned.

Sh. Harmeet Singh, Junior Assistant-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 7905 dated 13.11.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Gagandeep Singh Threke, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that through a letter dated 27.11.2019, he has pointed out certain deficiencies, intimating the respondent PIO that he has received information only at point no. 03 and 08 of the RTI request, at point no. 06 and 07 no information has been received and at point no. 01, 02, 04 and 05, incomplete information has been given to him.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant through a letter dated 27.11.2019, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission, failing which penal action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

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.

The case is **adjourned to 13th October, 2020 (Tuesday) 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 August, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab