



Anil Kumar

S/o Sh. Walaiti Ram,
'Gulati General Storte',
Dhobian Wali Gali, Subash Bazar,
KHANNA, Distt. – Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 139 of 2020

Present : Sh. Narender Kumar on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 19.08.2019. First appeal is dated 17.10.2019. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.08.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Narender Kumar (representative of the appellant) stated that irrelevant information was given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Sh. Rajesh Raini, Junior Engineer, stated that through RTI request, the appellant had demanded information of all buildings situated in Khanna District, which is 'voluminous' information in nature.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO and mention 05 to 07 buildings (regarding which information sought) and inspect the relevant official record on 31.08.2021 at 11:00 A. M.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 31.08.2021 to identify the required information and directed to supply the required information, after inspection, to him with a copy to the Commission.
- v) 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 concerned.

Sh. Narender Kumar, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Anil Kumar in today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent but no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

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Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the appellant visited the office but not identified any information to supply the same.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 12th January, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th November, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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H. S. Hundal, Advocate,
Chamber No. 203, Judicial Courts,
Sector 76, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) - 160071 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 409 of 2020

Present : Sh. H. S. Hundal, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Shyam Lal Sharma, Asstt. Transport Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 31.10.2019. First appeal is dated 01.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.08.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Shyam Lal Sharma, Asstt. Transport Officer, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter 899 dated 04.06.2021 and again vide letter no. 347 dated 18.08.2021.
- ii) The appellant intimated that through RTI request dated 31.10.2019, he has demanded information/documents/correspondence regarding Cancellation of Registration Certificate of Vehicle no. PB 11 AT 0082 and through a reply vide letter no. 372 dated 10.07.2020, the respondent has mentioned Vehicle no. PB 11 AT 8200. He further intimated that in another reply given vide letter no. 6264 dated 15.12.2020, the respondent has mentioned Vehicle no. PB 11 AT 0028, whereas the Vehicle no. PB 11 AT 0082.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to send a point-wise reply to the queries raised through RTI request dated 31.10.2019 again to the appellant, providing action taken by Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala on the complaint of the appellant with necessary supporting documents i. e. noting, directions passed, correspondence with any other offices or authorities, communication with applicant, status of the case till 31.10.2019 as demanded through RTI request, after doing the necessary corrections (as intimated above by the appellant) mentioning the correct vehicle number, with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information/reply or not.

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Sh. Shyam Lal Sharma, Asstt. Transport Officer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter 899 dated 04.06.2021 ; again vide letter no. 347 dated 18.08.2021 and again vide letter no. 381 dated 06.11.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 382 dated 06.11.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO The appellant, Sh. H. S. Hundal, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 01 of the RTI request is still pending and for pending information an e-mail dated 09.11.2021 has been sent to the Commission for intimation. It is taken on record..

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 12th January, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

(Regd. Post) V/s
Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Jagraon,
District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2608 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sham Kumar, Sanitary Inspector, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.07.2019. First appeal is dated 11.07.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.08.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that he visited the office of the respondent but he was not attended properly by any of official of respondent.
- ii) Sh. Anil Kumar, Inspector, who appeared for the respondent PIO was not fully aware of the facts of the instant appeal-case.
- iii) Neither the respondent PIO concerned had sent any document, showing that the required information is supplied to the appellant nor he had intimated the Commission that whether orders dated 16.12.2020 passed by the Commission, through which a penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed upon PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon, is complied with.
- iv) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send compliance report of the orders dated 16.12.2020 (through which a penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed) and order dated 10.03.2021 by supplying remaining information to the appellant.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the remaining 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 concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that remaining information has not been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Sham Kumar, Sanitary Inspector, could not make himself available to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case due to technical fault in connection of network.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through an e-mail dated 10.11.2021, has intimated the Commission penalty of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed vide orders dated 16.12.2020 has been deposited and a copy of E-Challan receipt has been sent to the Commission, which is taken on record. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents sent by the respondent-PIO, it also emerges that the respondent PIO concerned had not sent any document, showing that the remaining information is supplied to the appellant as directed vide orders dated 25.08.2021.

Nevertheless, Final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to Supply the remaining information to the appellant by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to bring a copy of the information (which was/would be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 12th January, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Jagraon,
District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3450 of 2018

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sham Kumar, Sanitary Inspector, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 04.07.2019. First appeal is dated 11.07.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.08.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that he visited the office of the respondent but he was not attended properly by any of official of respondent.
- ii) Sh. Anil Kumar, Inspector, who appeared for the respondent PIO was not fully aware of the facts of the instant appeal-case.
- iii) Neither the respondent PIO concerned had sent any document, showing that the required information is supplied to the appellant nor he had intimated the Commission that whether orders dated 16.12.2020 passed by the Commission, through which a penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed upon PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon, is complied with.
- iv) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send compliance report of the orders dated 16.12.2020 (through which a penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed) and order dated 10.03.2021 by supplying remaining information to the appellant.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the remaining 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 concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that remaining information has not been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Sham Kumar, Sanitary Inspector, could not make himself available to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case due to technical fault in connection of network.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through an e-mail dated 10.11.2021, has intimated the Commission penalty of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed vide orders dated 16.12.2020 has been deposited and a copy of E-Challan receipt has been sent to the Commission, which is taken on record. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents sent by the respondent-PIO, it also emerges that the respondent PIO concerned had not sent any document, showing that the remaining information is supplied to the appellant as directed vide orders dated 25.08.2021.

Nevertheless, final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to Supply the remaining information to the appellant by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to bring a copy of the information (which was/would be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 12th January, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Punjab

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

(Regd. Post) V/s
Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Jagraon,
District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3451 of 2018

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sham Kumar, Sanitary Inspector, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 04.07.2019. First appeal is dated 11.07.2019. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.08.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that he visited the office of the respondent but he was not attended properly by any of official of respondent.
- ii) Sh. Anil Kumar, Inspector, who appeared for the respondent PIO was not fully aware of the facts of the instant appeal-case.
- iii) Neither the respondent PIO concerned had sent any document, showing that the required information is supplied to the appellant nor he had intimated the Commission that whether orders dated 16.12.2020 passed by the Commission, through which a penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed upon PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon, is complied with.
- iv) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send compliance report of the orders dated 16.12.2020 (through which a penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed) and order dated 10.03.2021 by supplying remaining information to the appellant.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the remaining 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 concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that remaining information has not been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Sham Kumar, Sanitary Inspector, could not make himself available to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case due to technical fault in connection of network.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through an e-mail dated 10.11.2021, has intimated the Commission penalty of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed vide orders dated 16.12.2020 has been deposited and a copy of E-Challan receipt has been sent to the Commission, which is taken on record. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents sent by the respondent-PIO, it also emerges that the respondent PIO concerned had not sent any document, showing that the remaining information is supplied to the appellant as directed vide orders dated 25.08.2021.

Nevertheless, Final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to Supply the remaining information to the appellant by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to bring a copy of the information (which was/would be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 12th January, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Manjit Singh S/o Sh. Santa Singh,
H. No. 10330, Street No. 03,
Narang Colony, Near Gurmukh Dholi,
SriMuktsar Sahib - 152026 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
and Sewerage Board,
Division No. -1, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
and Sewerage Circle,
Circle Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2019 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rajeev Kapoor, Executive Engineer, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 28.01.2021. First appeal is dated 12.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.04.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.08.2021,

- i) The appellant stated that no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) An opportunity was also 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- iv) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Rajeev Kapoor, Executive Engineer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 5252 dated 27.09.2021.

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

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which was supplied vide letter dated 27.09.2021 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' 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 17th January, 2022 (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.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 10th November, 2021

Satnam Singh Randhawa,
S.C.O. 88, District Shopping Centre,
Ranjit Avenue, AMRITSAR (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd Post) i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board,
Division – 02,
HYDE Market, Near National Shopping Complex
Amritsar (Punjab)

(Regd Post) ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board,
Division – Gurdaspur,
Near Fish Park,
Gurdaspur (Punjab)

Encl:RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board,
Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2089 of 2021

Present : Sh. Satnam Singh Randhawa, the appellant in person.
Sh. Gurjinder Singh, S. D. O., in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 14.08.2020. First appeal is dated 28.10.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.04.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.08.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) After examining the documents placed on record, it was found that the notice of hearing issued by the Commission vide letter dated 18.06.2021 in the name of the Public Information Officer office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Amritsar is received back in the office of the Commission as 'undelivered' through Diary No. 14330 dated 01.07.2021.
- iii) A copy of the order be sent to the concerned PIO alongwith a copy of 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, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and 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 appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh Randhawa, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and whatever information has been given is uncertified.

Sh. Gurjinder Singh, S. D. O., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in person in today's hearing, states that the information demanded through RTI request relates with office of Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Board, Division Gurdaspur and RTI request of the appellant was transferred to that office on 09.09.2020. He further states that the required information was sent to the appellant after collecting the same from the concerned office.

As the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of office of Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Board, Gurdaspur, hence, Public Information Officer office of Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Board, Division Gurdaspur be impleaded as necessary party in this case so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the required information (whatever query/queries relates to his office) through registered post or through an e-mail to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was/would be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 12th January, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Lajpat Rai Garg S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street,
Jaito, Tehsil – Jaito,
District – Faridkot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

Encl:RTI request

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2153 of 2021

Present : Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, 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 29.01.2021. First appeal is dated 06.03.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.08.2021 ;

- i) The appellant could not make himself audible during the proceedings of the instant appeal case due to technical fault in connection of network but through telephonic communication, he intimated the Commission that no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- iv) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 25.08.2021 with the directions to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing, moreover, 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 25.08.2021, 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.

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For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab. 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 submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which would be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

An opportunity is also 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 12th January, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th November, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : RTI request

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Lajpat Rai Garg S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street, Jaito, Tehsil – Jaito,
District – Faridkot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2174 of 2021

Present : Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, the appellant in person.
Sh. Munish Garg, Senior Assistant (General Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 10.02.2020. First appeal is dated 16.03.2021. Second appeal has
been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.

Sh. Munish Garg, Senior Assistant (General Branch), who appeared in person in
today's hearing, states that the appellant visited the office on 26.02.2020 and whatever information
was identified by him, was supplied (Sixty Four Pages) to him on 27.02.2020 and again information
of Thirty Five Pages was supplied vide letter 14623 dated 19.03.2020 with an opportunity to visit
the office for remaining information, if any found pending, but he never visited the office. He also
intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no.
41442 dated 11.10.2021, which has been received in the Commission Vide Diary No. 23423 dated
13.10.2021. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, who appeared in person in today's hearing,
states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a
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