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Shri Ajit Singh M 9592624293
VPO, Cheema, Tehsil Jagroan,
District Ludhiana.

Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali.

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 442 of 2020
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present:- Ajit Singh, complainant and Sh. Gurkaranvir Singh Grandson of Sh. Ajit Singh.
Sh. J.S. Brar, Deputy Director on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI application is dated 5.6.2020 vide which the complainant has sought two point information as per his RTI application i.e.

- 1) information regarding action taken report on letter no. 6/2/20-ldh-sh./157 dated 13.1.2020 issued by the Director Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab;
- 2) the status of his complaint dated 6.9.2020 against Sh. Jaspreet Singh Panch, Gram Panchayat Cheema Block Jagroan which was sent to the Director Rural Development and Panchayat Department Punjab, Mohali.

Due to non receipt of the information from the respondent, a complaint was filed in the Commission on 14.7.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for today i.e, 10.9.2020.

2. The complainant states that no information has been provided to him so far. He has also sent a letter dated 28.8.2020 to the Commission, which is taken on the record. He has requested the Commission to direct the respondent to provide the information.

3. Whereas, the representative of the respondent has intimated to the Commission vide their letter no. 6/02/20/ldh/sh./441 dated 9.9.2020, which has been received in the Commission through whatsapp, that the information has already been supplied to the complainant vide their letter no.6/02/20-ldh-sh/3963 dated 24.8.2020 which is reproduced below:-

“ ਉਕਤ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਆਪ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਬੇਨਤੀ ਮਿਤੀ 6.9.2019 ਮੁੱਖ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਕੇਸ ਵਿਚ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਅਫਸਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰਬਰ 9160 ਮਿਤੀ 29.11.2019 ਰਾਂਹੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਜਸਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੰਚ, ਗ੍ਰਾਮ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਚੀਮਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਧੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ। ਹੁਣ ਉਕਤ ਕੇਸ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਪੇਂਡੂ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਜੀ ਪਾਸ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਲਈ ਮਿਤੀ 7.9.2020 ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਹੈ।”

Both the letters have been taken on record. The respondent further submits that the Director Rural Development & Panchayat, Punjab has fixed a next dated of hearing on 26.10.2020 regarding hearing to Sh. Jasbpreet Singh status of which has been sought by the complainant. The respondent has further requested to dispose of the case as the complete information has been supplied to the complainant.

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4. After hearing both the parties and going through the letter no.6/02/20-ldh-sh/3963 dated 24.8.2020 (**copy attached with orders**), it has transpired that the matter is under consideration and the complainant has already been informed accordingly regarding Point No. 2 of the RTI application. With regard to the Point No. 1 of the RTI application the Commission accepts the reply of the respondent given vide letter dated 24.8.2020. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer is directed to provide the action taken by the Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt. Punjab against Sh. Jaspreet Singh Panch, after the case regarding hearing is finalized. Accordingly, it appears that no further cause of action is left in this case. Hence, this case is disposed of and closed.

Dated 10.9.2020

Sd/
(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
Punjab.