



Ravi Kant
S/o Sh. Sansari Lal,
Krishan Bazaar,
Ward No. 04,
Dhariwal (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Examiner ,
Local Fund Accounts,
O/o Local Government Punjab,
Sector 9, Pb. Mini Secretariat,
Chandigarh
- (Regd. Post)
- Encl : RTI Request

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 654 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ravi Kant, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Rajeev Sagar, Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o Vigilance Cell ;
ii) Sh. Rahul, Section officer of Accounts Branch, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 19.11.2020. First appeal is dated 27.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.01.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as he has received only information at point no. 02, 04 and 06 of the RTI request.

Sh. Rajeev Sagar, Superintendent-cum-PIO office of Vigilance Cell, states that information relates with Vigilance Cell, has been provided to the appellant.

Sh. Rahul, Section officer of Accounts Branch, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that available information has been given to the appellant. He also states that part information at point no. 03 relates with office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dhariwal and part information at point no. 03 is regarding dues of retirees, which is 'personal information'. He further states that part information at point no. 05 relates with office of Examiner Local Fund office of Local Government, Punjab, which is a separate department and a reply has also been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 24362 dated 22.06.2021 and the same has been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 24363 dated 22.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary no. 13662 dated 23.06.2021. It is taken on record.

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Heard the parties and examined the above-said reply given by the respondent, not finding it satisfactory, directions are hereby given to supply the required information at point no. 03 (except point no. 05 of the RTI request as it relates office of Examiner Local Fund Accounts) to the appellant after collecting the same from the concerned office i. e. Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dhariwal and regarding information at point no. 06 of the RTI request, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, to the particular query (at point no. 06), to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

For information at point no. 05 of the RTI request, Public Information Officer office of office of Examiner Local Fund Accounts, office of Local Government Punjab, Chandigarh 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 query raised at point no. 05 of the RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The Public Information Officer of office of office of Examiner Local Fund Accounts, Punjab, Chandigarh is 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' to clear the facts of this case.

The respondent PIO of Accounts Branch of office of Director Local Government, Punjab is also directed to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 11th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : RTI Request

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Ashok Kumar Watts,
H. No. B-V-1534, Street No. 01,
Lajpat Nagar, Abohar,
Distt. – Fazilka - 152116(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
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. 730 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts , the appellant in person.
Sh. Harpreet Singh, Senior Assistant, LG – III Branch, for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 11.11.2020. First appeal is dated 12.12.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.01.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts , who appeared in person in today's
hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far
Sh. Harpreet Singh, Senior Assistant, LG – III Branch, who appeared on behalf of the respondent
PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information could not be supplied to the appellant
as the information sought for by him is regarding action-taken on complaints dated 17.10.2018
and 10.11.2020 and an enquiry is going on the said complaints, which has not been completed yet
and whenever it would be completed, it would be given to the appellant positively. He also
intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1409
dated 19.07.2021, which has been received in Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

After hearing the parties and examining the documents placed on record, it is
found that RTI request is dated 11.11.2020 and the enquiry on the above-said complaints has been
started on 27.11.2020, hence, directions are hereby given to the respondent PIO concerned either
to supply the required information to the appellant or send a reply in an affidavit mentioning that
during enquiry no document can be supplied, to the appellant by the next date of hearing with a
copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received
the information/reply, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2021 (Wednesday) 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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Date : 11th August, 2021

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Baljeet Singh,
64 - H, B. R. S. Nagar,
Ludhiana - 141012(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- (Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o Superintendent,
Municipal Services Cell,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
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- iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o Superintendent,
(Establishment Branch)
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana(Punjab)
- (Regd. Post)
- Encl : RTI Request

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 872 of 2021

Present : Sh. Baljeet Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Om Parkash, Inspector-cum-APIO(Establishment Branch) O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 02.11.2020. First appeal is dated 04.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.02.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Baljeet Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far, moreover, irrelevant replies have been given to him by the respondent PIO to him time and again.

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it is found that the respondent PIO through a letter no. 44947 dated 09.11.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 7706 dated 05.04.2021, has intimated the Commission that the RTI request of the appellant was transferred from office of Superintendent, Municipal Services Cell of Local Government, Punjab to office of PIO-cum-Superintendent (Establishment Branch), Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. It is placed in the case-file.

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Sh. Om Parkash, Inspector-cum-APIO (Establishment Branch) office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, who appeared for the respondent in today's hearing, states that the RTI request of the applicant was received from office of Director, Local Government, Punjab and the information demanded by him is regarding transfer of employee/officer and their relieving, which relates with office of Superintendent, Municipal Services Cell of Local Government, Punjab, hence the RTI request of the appellant was returned back to Municipal Services Cell vide letter no. 210 dated 10.06.2021 and copy has also been sent to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 12944 dated 15.06.2021. It is taken on record.

All the above-said replies reflects that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, either relates with office of PIO-cum-Superintendent (Establishment Branch), Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana or Superintendent, Municipal Services Cell of Local Government, Punjab, hence, Public Information Officers of above-said office/branch be directed to bring the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed.

The concerned parties (appellant and (i) PIO-cum-Superintendent (Establishment Branch), Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and ii) Superintendent, Municipal Services Cell of Local Government, Punjab) are directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 19.08.2021 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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Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
H. No. 60-35-P-330,
Street – 08, Maha Singh Nagar,
P. O. - Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana- 141014 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 878 of 2021

Present : Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia , the appellant in person.
Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.11.2020. First appeal is dated 20.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.02.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.05.2021,

- i) An opportunity was given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent on 19.05.2021 for inspection of the official record.
- ii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed supply the required information to the appellant after inspection.

The appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant did not visit the office on 19.05.2021 as directed vide orders dated 18.05.2021

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 02.09.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify and collect the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office and supply the required information to the appellant.

Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO 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 date and time of inspection of relevant official record has been announced to both the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2021 (Wednesday) 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

Date : 11th August, 2021



Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
H. No. 60-35-P-330,
Street – 08, Maha Singh Nagar,
P. O. - Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana- 141014 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 880 of 2021

Present : Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia , 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 16.11.2020. First appeal is dated 20.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.02.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.05.2021,

- i) The respondent PIO concerned was directed supply the required information to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant was 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.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 167342 dated 25.05.2021 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Deputy District Education Officer(Elem.),Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that a reply has already been sent to the appellant through registered post. It, alongwith a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

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

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 03.09.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify and collect the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office and supply the required information to the appellant.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO 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. An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO 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'.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 11th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
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

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

(Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o Senior Town Planner
O/o Local Government, Punjab,
(Town Planning Wing),
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
Encl : RTI Request

(Regd. Post) iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o Superintendent,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Establishment Branch,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
Encl : RTI Request

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 853 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 22.02.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received no information till date.

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

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it is found that the RTI request of the appellant was transferred from office of General Branch of Local Government, Punjab to office of Senior Town Planner of Local Government, Punjab vide letter no. 20951 dated 08.06.2020 under 6 (3) of the RTI Act. Further, the respondent has sent a reply vide letter no. 2499 dated 26.07.2021, signed by Assistant Town Planner(Town Planning Wing) of Local Government, Punjab, showing that for information demanded through the RTI request, RTI request was further forwarded to office of Establishment Branch of Local Government, Punjab. It is taken on record.

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All the above-said replies reflects that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of i) Senior Town Planner of Local Government, Punjab and ii) Superintendent, Establishment Branch, hence, Public Information Officers of above-said offices/branch be impleaded as necessary parties in this case. A copy of this order be sent to them alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries (whichever query/queries relates to their office) raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The Public Information Officers of office of i) Senior Town Planner of Local Government, Punjab and ii) Superintendent, Establishment Branch iii) Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh are also directed to represent this case in person on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 11th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : RTI Request

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
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Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt. – Ludhiana -141101(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
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. 861 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Ramninder Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 14.03.2020. First appeal is dated 20.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.02.2021.

Sh. Ramninder Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply dated 07.07.2021 in an affidavit has already been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply dated 07.07.2021 in an affidavit has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 6826 dated 04.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16177 dated 22.07.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-mentioned reply till date.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the above-said reply through an e-mail to the appellant.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO 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 case is adjourned to 27th October, 221 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt. – Ludhiana -141101(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

(Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Ludhiana (Punjab)
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(Regd. Post) iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o Superintendent,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government,
LG – III Branch,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
Encl : RTI Request

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 862 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 08.06.2020. First appeal is dated 02.07.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.02.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received no information till date.

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

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it is found that the RTI request of the appellant was transferred from office of Establishment Branch of Local Government, Punjab to office of Superintendent, LG – III Branch of Local Government, Punjab vide letter no. 25737 dated 02.07.2020 under 6 (3) of the RTI Act and further forwarded to office of Deputy Director, Regional Deputy Director, Ludhiana vide letter no. 25740 dated 02.07.2020. Further, the respondent has sent a reply vide letter no. 1546 dated 10.08.2021 showing that for information at point no. (a) of the RTI request, RTI request was further transferred to office of Director, Local Government Punjab vide letter no. 1545 dated 10.08.2021. All the above mentioned replies are placed in the case-file.

All the above-said replies reflects that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of i) Director, Local Government Punjab ii) Regional Deputy Director, Ludhiana and iii) Superintendent, LG – III Branch of Local Government, Punjab, hence, Public Information Officers of above-said offices/branch be impleaded as necessary parties in this case. A copy of this order be sent to them alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries (whichever query/queries relates to their office) raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The Public Information Officers of office of i) Director, Local Government Punjab ii) Deputy Director, Regional Deputy Director, Ludhiana and iii) Superintendent, LG – III Branch of Local Government, Punjab are also directed to represent this case in person on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Ward – 02, Supreme Enclave,
Near Vishavkarma Bhawan,
Link Road, Mansa(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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ii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Bathinda (Punjab)

Encl : RTI Request

iii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Executive officer,
Nagar Council,
Mansa (Punjab)

Encl : RTI Request

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 701 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rajinder Kumar, 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 22.10.2020. First appeal is dated 24.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.01.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received no information till date.

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

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it is found that the respondent PIO through a letter no. 19856 dated 17.05.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail has intimated the Commission that the RTI request of the appellant was transferred from office of General Branch of Local Government, Punjab, to office of Deputy Director, Regional Deputy Director, Bathinda. It is taken on record.

Further, the respondent has sent a reply vide letter no. 2147 dated 25.06.2021, signed by Joint Deputy Director, Bathinda, showing that for information demanded through the RTI request, RTI request was further forwarded to office of Executive officer, Nagar Council, Mansa. It is taken on record.

All the above-said replies reflects that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of i) Regional Deputy Director, Bathinda and ii) Executive officer, Nagar Council, Mansa, hence, Public Information Officers of above-said offices be impleaded as necessary parties in this case. A copy of this order be sent to them alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries (whichever query/queries relates to their office) raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The Public Information Officers of office of i) Regional Deputy Director, Bathinda and ii) Executive officer, Nagar Council, Mansa are also directed to represent this case in person on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Ludhiana- 141014 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 719 of 2021

Present : Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia , the appellant in person.
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 07.10.2020. First appeal is dated 09.11.2020. Second appeal has
been received in the Commission on 29.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.05.2021,

- i) An opportunity was given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent on 19.05.2021 for inspection of the official record.
- ii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed supply the required information to the appellant after inspection.

The appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant did not visit the office on 19.05.2021 as directed vide orders dated 18.05.2021.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 02.09.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify and collect the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office and supply the required information to the appellant.

Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO 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 date and time of inspection of relevant official record has been announced to both the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 11th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
H. No. 60-35-P-330,
Street – 08, Maha Singh Nagar,
P. O. - Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana- 141014 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 725 of 2021

Present : Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia , the appellant in person.
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 07.11.2020. First appeal is dated 07.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.05.2021,

- i) An opportunity was given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent on 19.05.2021 for inspection of the official record.
- ii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed supply the required information to the appellant after inspection.

Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant did not visit the office on 19.05.2021 as directed vide orders dated 18.05.2021.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 02.09.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify and collect the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office and supply the required information to the appellant.

Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO 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 date and time of inspection of relevant official record has been announced to both the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2021 (Wednesday) 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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Sukhchain Singh,
Sanan Mohalla,
Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil – Batala,
Distt. - Gurdaspar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 658 of 2021

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Ramaninder Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 02.11.2020. First appeal is dated 09.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.05.2021,

- i) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information, after collecting the same from the concerned branch to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has 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. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Ramninder Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that available information at point no. 01 and 02 has already been given. He also intimates that part information at point no. 03 and 04 demanded by the appellant does not relate with LG- III branch and the information at point no. 05 is regarding action taken report on a letter dated 27.08.2019 and the letter dated 27.08.2019 was never received in the Branch.

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As the RTI request of the appellant is dated 02.11.2020 and oral-submission, made by Sh. Ramaninder Singh, Senior Assistant during the hearing i. e. after more than three months of the proceedings of this case in the Commission, is not acceptable.

Accordingly, last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the appellant, after collecting the same from the concerned branch/branches. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant 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 appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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