



Inderjeet
S/o Sh. Kundan Lal,
Street No. 5/1,
Post Office Wali Gali,
Raama - 151301
Distt. - Bathinda(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

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

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

Encl : RTI request

iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Raama, Distt. – Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 259 of 2021

Present : Sh. Inderjeet, the complainant in person.
Sh. Rajesh, Junior Assistant O/o Nagar Council, Raama, for the respondent.

ORDER

In the instant complaint-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant complaint - case is heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 23.12.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 02.03.2021.

Sh. Rajesh, Junior Assistant office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the complainant vide letter no. 21 dated 17.08.2021 in person. On that reply, the complainant has put his signatures on 18.08.2021 at 10:00 A. M. as an acknowledgement. It is placed in the case-file.

The complainant, Sh. Inderjeet, who appeared in person states that he has demanded action taken report on complaints dated 04.01.2020, 17.02.2020, 18.02.2020 pending in Vigilance Cell, which has not been given to him by the concerned respondent PIO till date.

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it is found that the RTI request filed by the appellant is addressed to State Public Information Officer office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh and the information demanded through RTI request is regarding complaints dated 04.01.2020, 17.02.2020, 18.02.2020 pending in Vigilance Cell. Hence, PIO office of Chief Vigilance Officer of Vigilance Cell is directed to supply the required information to as per queries raised through RTI request to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.. He is also directed to remain present to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order be also sent to Chief Vigilance Officer of office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, alongwith RTI request through registered post

As the information relates with office of Nagar Council, Raama has been supplied, hence, PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case and a copy of this order be sent to him for intimation

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 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.

Date : 12th January, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : RTI request

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab
Tirlochan Singh,
848-A, MIG Flats,
Jamalpur Colony,
Ludhiana - 141010 (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. 1019 of 2021

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell), for the respondent.

ORDER

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

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 15.08.2020. First appeal is dated 14.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.02.2021.

Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant time and again.

Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Tirlochan Singh in today's hearing, states that information at point no. 03 is still pending.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a proper reply to the remaining query raised by the appellant at point no. 03 of the RTI request through registered post or e-mail 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 reply (which would be sent by respondent) or not.

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 12th January, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab
Ms. Tara Rani
W/o Sh. Jaswant rai,
Ward No. 11, Gandhi Nagar,
Goniana Mandi - 151201,
Distt. – Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
Encl : RTI request O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Bathinda (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1233 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ram Manohar, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Junior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 24.11.2020. First appeal is dated 04.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.03.2021.

Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Junior Assistant , who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 109 dated 10.01.2022 through registered post and a copy of the reply has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

Sh. Ram Manohar, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Ms. Tara Rani in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to the appellant by the respondent PIO as information at point no., 02 of the RTI request regarding waiting list of SC(RO) female candidates for Teaching Fellows has not been given.

Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Junior Assistant, states that he is not aware about the information about waiting list.

As Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Junior Assistant is not fully aware of the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request and at this stage (after three hearings), his (Sh. Rajwinder Singh) oral reply is not acceptable, 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 10.11.2021. 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 District Education Officer(Elem.), Bathinda, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information at point no. 02 of the RTI request, to the appellant through registered post or e-mail 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.

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 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.

Date : 12th January, 2022

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

Encl : RTI request

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab
Malkiat Singh
S/o Sh. Jeet Singh,
H. No. 230, Ward No. 07,
Mohalla Subash Nagar,
Sunam Udham Singh Wala,
Distt. – Sangrur - 148028(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Court Complex,
Sunam,
Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Sunam,
Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1907 of 2021

Present : Sh. Malkiat Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Tehsildar, Sunam, in person.

ORDER

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 02.12.2020. First appeal is dated 09.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.04.2021.

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

Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Tehsildar, Sunam, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that part information (at point no. 03) i. e. copies of log-book, receipt and dispatch register of date 23.04.2018 has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 779 dated 04.01.2021 and for remaining information, which is regarding order of appointment of Naib Tehsildar, Sh. Manmohan Singh, he intimates that there is no written order, only on verbal order appointment was done. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information is taken on record.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a written reply to the queries raised at point no. 01 and 02 of RTI request, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

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

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 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.

Date : 12th January, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Parmod Kumar
S/o Sh. Late Sh. Hem Raj,
H. No. 2650, Watd – 12,
Near Dussehrha Ground,
Kharar, Distt. - Mohali(Punjab)

... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre,
Phase -10, Sector 64,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 477 of 2020

Present : Sh. Parmod Kumar , the complainant in person.
i) Sh. Chanchaldeep Singh, Labour Enforcement Officer, S. A. S. Nagar ;
ii) Ms. Kulwant Kaur, Superintendent-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

In the instant complaint-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant complaint - case is heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 13.03.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 28.07.2020.

Sh. Chanchaldeep Singh, Labour Enforcement Officer, S. A. S. Nagar and Ms. Kulwant Kaur, Superintendent-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant time and again.

The complainant, Sh. Parmod Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that Information at point no. 08 of the RTI request is still pending.

Heard the parties and examined the documents placed in the case-file.

In the instant complaint-case, to decide the issue (regarding report on letter dated 29.01.2020 filed by the complainant and action taken report on the above-said letter), both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are required to be present before the bench of the undersigned so that facts of this case could be cleared.

Hence, the case is adjourned to 25th May, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A. M. 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 : 12th January, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sanjeev Kumar S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,
Village – Rahimpur,
P.O.- Mahingrowal,
Distt. - Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Divisional Forest Officer,
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Conservator of Forests, Punjab,
North Circle, Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3076 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, the appellant in person.
Sh. Jaspal Singh, Range Forest Officer, Dolbaha, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 27.02.2020. First appeal is dated 18.05.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.10.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as through RTI request he has demanded information of ten (10) contractors and only information of Four (04) contractors has been given to him.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 14.01.2022 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the remaining information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 14.01.2022 at 11:00 A. M. so that remaining information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) with a copy to the Commission

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 date and time of visit of the appellant and inspection of the relevant official record in the office of the respondent has been announced to the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 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 : 12th January, 2022

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab
Anil Kumar
S/o Sh. Walaiti Ram,
'Gulati General Store',
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)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 139 of 2020

Present : Sh. Narender Kumar on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Surinder Pal Chowdhary, Building Inspector(Technical), for the respondent.

ORDER

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

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is 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.

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

Sh. Surinder Pal Chowdhary, Building Inspector(Technical), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the relevant official-record (connected with the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request) is ready and the appellant can inspect the same to identify the required information.

Nevertheless, the appellant or his representative is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record today itself i. e. 12.01.2022 at 02:00 P. M. to identify the required information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office so that information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) with a copy to the Commission.

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 date and time of visit of the appellant and inspection of the relevant official record in the office of the respondent has been announced to the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that in the instant appeal-case, First appeal dated 17.10.2019 filed by the appellant is addressed to First Appellate Authority office of Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Punjab, Ludhiana and six posts of Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies in State of Punjab has been abolished and in every District, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development) are appointed, accordingly, a copy of this order be sent in the name of First Appellate Authority office of Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Ludhiana instead of Regional Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 12th January, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab
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, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is 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.

Sh. Shyam Lal Sharma, Asstt. Transport Officer, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant time and again.

The appellant, Sh. H. S. Hundal, Advocate, who appeared in person / is not present in today's hearing, states that information at point no. 01 of the RTI request is still pending.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that at point no. 01, the appellant has demanded copy of representation and documents sent by him with the request for cancellation of Registration Certificate of vehicle No. PB 11 AT 0082.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a supply the remaining information at point no. of the RTI request to the appellant with a copy to Commission, by the next date of hearing.

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

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 12th January, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab
Rakesh Kumar Gupta
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s
(Regd. Post) 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'.

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is 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 10.11.2021 ;

- i) The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, stated that remaining information was not given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) 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.
- iii) After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it emerged that the respondent PIO through an e-mail dated 10.11.2021, intimated the Commission penalty of Rs. 5000/- (which was imposed vide orders dated 16.12.2020) is deposited and a copy of E-Challan receipt was sent to the Commission, which is placed in the case-file.
- iv) As the respondent PIO concerned had not sent any document, showing that the remaining information is supplied to the appellant (as directed vide orders dated 23.08.2021), final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information to the appellant and 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 so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The instant appeal-case is heard today through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron'.

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, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant and penalty of Rs. 5000/- (imposed vide orders dated 16.12.2020) has been deposited. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 66 dated 10.01.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents sent through mail, it is found that only forwarding letter no. 66 dated 10.01.2022 has been received but no enclosure showing that the requisite information has been supplied, is attached with it.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the remaining information already supplied to the appellant alongwith a copy postal/acknowledgement receipt to the Commission through post or mail, by next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 12th January, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab
Rakesh Kumar Gupta
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s
(Regd. Post) 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

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is 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 10.11.2021 ;

- i) The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, stated that remaining information was not given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) 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.
- iii) After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it emerged that the respondent PIO through an e-mail dated 10.11.2021, intimated the Commission penalty of Rs. 5000/- (which was imposed vide orders dated 16.12.2020) is deposited and a copy of E-Challan receipt was sent to the Commission, which is placed in the case-file.
- iv) As the respondent PIO concerned had not sent any document, showing that the remaining information is supplied to the appellant (as directed vide orders dated 23.08.2021), final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information to the appellant and 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 so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The instant appeal-case is heard today through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron'.

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 10.01.2022, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant and penalty of Rs. 5000/- (imposed vide orders dated 16.12.2020) has also been deposited. It, alongwith a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

After examining the documents sent through mail, it is found that only forwarding letter dated 10.01.2022 has been received but no enclosure showing that the requisite information has been supplied, is attached with it.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the remaining information already supplied to the appellant alongwith a copy postal/acknowledgement receipt to the Commission through post or mail, by next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 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.

Date : 12th January, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab
Rakesh Kumar Gupta
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s
(Regd. Post) 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

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is 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 10.11.2021 ;

- i) The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, stated that remaining information was not given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) 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.
- iii) After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it emerged that the respondent PIO through an e-mail dated 10.11.2021, intimated the Commission penalty of Rs. 5000/- (which was imposed vide orders dated 16.12.2020) is deposited and a copy of E-Challan receipt was sent to the Commission, which is placed in the case-file.
- iv) As the respondent PIO concerned had not sent any document, showing that the remaining information is supplied to the appellant (as directed vide orders dated 23.08.2021), final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information to the appellant and 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 so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The instant appeal-case is heard today through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron'.

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 10.01.2022, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant and penalty of Rs. 5000/- (imposed vide orders dated 16.12.2020) has also been deposited. It, alongwith a copy of challan-receipt, is taken on record.

After examining the documents sent through mail, it is found that only forwarding letter dated 10.01.2022 has been received but no enclosure showing that the requisite information has been supplied, is attached with it.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the remaining information already supplied to the appellant alongwith a copy postal/acknowledgement receipt to the Commission through post or mail, by next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 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.

Date : 12th January, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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

....Appellant

V/s

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)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2089 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gurjinder Singh, S.D.O.-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is 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.

Sh. Gurjinder Singh, S. D. O., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in person in today's hearing, states that the required information was sent to the appellant after collecting the same from the concerned office i. e. office of Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Board, Division Gurdaspur.

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the order dated 10.11.2021 passed by the Commission was sent in the name of the appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh Randhawa is received back in the office of the Commission as 'undelivered' through Diary No. 28792 dated 23.12.2021 with the remarks that addressee has been expired. It is taken on record

A telephone call has been made by the staff members to the appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh Randhawa to intimate that the hearing would be held through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' instead of personal hearing, the wife of the appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh Randhawa has attended the call and intimated on telephone that he (Sh. Satnam Singh Randhawa) has been expired.

Nevertheless, an other date be given in the instant appeal-case so that if any of the family member wish to pursue the case further, he/she could approach the Commission by the next date of hearing or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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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

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.
Sh. Jasbir Singh, Superintendent (LG – III) Branch, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is 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 10.11.2021 ;

- i) Neither the concerned PIO visited the Commission to attend the hearing nor the requisite information was supplied to the information seeker even after even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 25.08.2021.
- ii) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was also issued to Public Information Officer concerned vide orders dated 25.08.2021.
- iii) 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) was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab.
- iv) Last opportunity was 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.

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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Superintendent (LG – III) Branch, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally states that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 361 dated 15.02.2021 intimating him that the information sought by him (appellant) is not clear and an opportunity was given to him (appellant) to mention date of the complaints (regarding which information demanded) and but he did communicate with the office till date. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2570 dated 13.12.2021 which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 29124 dated 30.12.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Sh. Jasbir Singh further intimates that the RTI request dated 29.01.2021 is addressed to PIO office of Director Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, moreover, RTI request of the appellant has been forwarded to this Branch to deal but not transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act.

The appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information demanded by him through RTI request does not relate with LG-III Branch and he has filed RTI request is to PIO office of Director Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh and no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it is found that the RTI request dated 29.01.2021 is addressed to PIO office of Director Local Government, Punjab and till date not any single document has been sent to the Commission intimating that whether any information given to the appellant or any reply sent to the appellant or RTI request was transferred or any other correspondence has not been received in the Commission till date.

In the instant appeal-case, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was also issued to Public Information Officer concerned vide orders dated 25.08.2021 and for non-presence and 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) was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab and neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. 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 and 10.11.2021 and orders were sent through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh 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 and also to ensure compliance of the order dated 10.11.2022, by paying penalty (imposed upon the concerned PIO) 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 by the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

A copy of this order be sent alongwith orders dated 25.08.2021 and 10.11.2021 through registered post to i) Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Govt., Punjab and ii) Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh to ensure the presence of the concerned PIO on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' and also to ensure the compliance of the above-announced order.

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 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.

Date : 12th January, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post) i) The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

Encl : orders dated 25.08.2021
and 10.11.2021

(Regd. Post) ii) The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

Encl : orders dated 25.08.2021
and 10.11.2021

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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.
Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant(General Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

In the instant appeal-case, the hearing was fixed for today (i. e. 12.01.2022) in the Court Room of office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh but to curtail public dealings in the offices to prevent the spread of 'Covid/Omicron', the instant appeal-case is 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.

The appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information given to him by the respondent PIO at point no. 01 is un-attested and no information has been given at point no. 02, 03 and 04 of the RTI request.

Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant(General Branch), on behalf of the respondent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant has inspected the relevant official record but he did not identify any information to be supplied. She also requests that if appellant would be more specific for what he demands, information would be provided to him positively.

The appellant is advised to specify the particulars of the remaining information within three weeks from today, in writing, to the respondent PIO concerned, so that the respondent PIO could supply him the required information.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information which would be specified by the appellant, to him by registered post or through an e-mail by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, 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 18th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 12th January, 2022