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



Pawan Kumar S/o Sh. Shiv Lal, Village – Rupaana, Teh. & Distt. - SriMuktsar Sahib -152032 (Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 516 of 2022

V/s

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

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

The RTI request is dated 19.10.2021. First appeal is dated 24.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2022.

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the appellant, Sh. Pawan Kumar through a letter dated 13.06.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he has received the required information and case be closed. It is taken on record.

Since complete information has been supplied by the respondent PIO and the appellant has also acknowledged that he has received the required information and has also given his consent to close the case, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as <u>disposed of and</u> closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Puniab



Satish Kumar S/o Sh. Des Raj,

Village - Badal,

P. O. – Badal, Tehsil – Malout,

Distt. - SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,** O/o The Principal, **Rural Institute for Vocational Training,** Badal (Malout), Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1005 of 2019

Present: Sh. Satish Kumar, the complainant in person.

Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 27.09.2019. The complaint has been received in the

Commission on 25.11.2019.

Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant.

The complainant, Sh. Satish Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information supplied by the respondent PIO is un-certified.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent today itself i.e. 13.06.2022 at 12:00 noon to get the information (already supplied) after getting it certified.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant during his visit to the office on 23.09.2022 at 12:00 and supply the information already supplied) after getting it certified to the appellant under intimation to the Commission.

Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal, also made an oral-submission during the hearing, intimating that he and other staff members of Institute did not get salary from January, 2019 and considering this case sympathetically, the penalty of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed vide orders dated 13.10.2021, be waived off . He also intimates that he has sent a written-submission dated 15.12.2021, through an e-mail and also sent another written-submission vide letter no. 85 dated 11.05.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 12033 dated 07.06.2022, with the request to waive off the penalty, which was imposed vide orders dated 13.10.2021. It is taken on record.

After considering the oral submission (made by Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal, during the proceeding of the instant appeal-case) and written submission sent by him (Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal) vide letters dated 15.12.2021 and 11.05.2022, it is found that the instant appeal case deserve reconsideration in the interest of justice.

Taking a lenient view and having made fair and judicious evaluation of the facts of the instant appeal case, it emerged that the reasons given by Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal is genuine, hence, considering the facts of the instant appeal-case sympathetically, the penalty imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 13.10.2021 is waived off.

> In view of all the above, the case is announced as disposed of and closed. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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

Date 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

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Jasbir Singh, Village – Bholapur Jhabewal, P. O. Ramgarh, Distt. – Ludhiana - 123455 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 157 of 2020

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 20.07.2019. First appeal is dated 26.08.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 14.03.2022;

- i) Neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.
- ii) Another opportunity was given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the date fixed.

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

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 14.03.2022 and he is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information from the respondent PIO and is satisfied with the same, which reflects that he does not wish to pursue this case further, hence, the order dated 14.09.2020, through which compensation of Rs. 2500/- was awarded to the appellant, is <u>withdrawn</u> and the instant appeal-case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
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Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar,

Village - Bholapur Jhabewal,

P.O. - Ramgarh,

District - Ludhiana - 141123(Punjab)

....Appellant

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 155 of 2020

V/s

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 20.07.2019. First appeal is dated 26.08.2019. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 14.03.2022;

- i) Neither the appellant nor the respondent was present.
- ii) Another opportunity was given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the date fixed.

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

hearing.

Date 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 14.03.2022 and he is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information from the respondent PIO and is satisfied with the same, which reflects that he does not wish to pursue this case further, hence, the order dated 14.09.2020, through which compensation of Rs. 2500/- was awarded to the appellant, is <u>withdrawn</u> and the instant appeal-case is announced as disposed of and closed.

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**Gurmukh Singh** S/o Sh. Gurdial Singh, Village - Sangowal, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,** O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer Ludhiana - 1 (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 64 of 2022

None on behalf of the complainant. Present:

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 22.06.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 03.02.2022.

Neither the complainant, Sh. Gurmukh Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it is found the complainant has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act, hence, information seeker should be given an opportunity to approach the First Appellate Authority as he has not approached the same and has come to the Commission directly under Section 18 of the RTI Act.

Accordingly, the instant complaint case is remanded to First Appellate Authority, who is District Development and Panchayat Officer Ludhiana, with the directions to decide the case as per provisions of the RTI Act, after giving due opportunity to the parties concerned, examining the evidences, documents placed on record and subsequently pass a speaking order within forty five days from the receipt of this order. A copy of the RTI request of the applicant be also enclosed for ready reference of First Appellate Authority, who will treat it as first appeal. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

If concerned First Appellate Authority will not announce any order in the instant complaint case within forty five days or if the complainant would not be satisfied with the decision/announcement (which would be announced) by the First Appellate Authority, he is at liberty to approach the Commission by way of second appeal.

With this, the case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

Date 13<sup>th</sup> June. 2022 **State Information Commissioner** Punjab

(Regd. Post) The District Development

and Panchayat Officer-cum-**First Appellate Authority** 

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