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



Sh. Kuldip Kumar Kaura,
House Number 5 - C, Phase – 1,
Urban Estate, Focal Point, Ludhiana (141010) Pb.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner, Zone –B,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner, Zone –B,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 234 of 2020

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Kuldip Kumar Kaura is absent.
Sh. Purshotam Lal, SDO from O & M Cell, O/o MC, Ludhiana is present.
Nobody is present from O/o D.C.F. A, Zone –B, MC, Ludhiana

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 06.08.2020 vide which the Appellant stated that he had received information except point number 06, 10 and 11 which is related with the O/o D.C.F. A, Zone –B, MC, Ludhiana and the concerned were also directed to supply the same.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Purshotam Lal states that the information which relates to their department i.e. O & M Cell had already been supplied to the Appellant and he does not know about the information relating to the another department i.e. PIO O/o D.C.F. A , Zone –B, MC, Ludhiana.

None came present from the PIO O/o D.C.F.A , Zone –B, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

The Appellant, Sh. Kuldip Kumar is absent today.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that an email dated 12.10.2020 has been received in the Commission from O/o D.C.F. A, MC, Ludhiana in which a copy of letter dated 12.10.2020 is attached. In the same letter, it has been observed that the reply relating to remaining points i.e. 06, 10 and 11 has been given to the Appellant. The Appellant is advised to go through the letter, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

Also Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent/ PIO for non appearance in today's hearing.

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Last and final opportunity is given to the PIO O/o D.C.F.A, Municipal Commissioner, Zone-B, Ludhiana to appear in person on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case and he is further directed to supply the requisite information again after removing the deficiencies, to the Appellant (if any pointed out by the Appellant) by hand or through registered post on the remaining points of the RTI Application i.e. 06, 10 and 11 before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO. **A copy of this order be sent to the PIO O/o D.C.F.A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana through registered post.**

This case is adjourned to '05.01.2021 at 11:00 A.M.' and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **05.01.2021**, which is going to be heard through **Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

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Dated: 13.10.2020

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

**{Regd. Post} Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Controller (Finance and Accounts),
Municipal Corporation, Zone- B,
Ludhiana.**

Note: The Appellant, Sh. Kuldip Kumar Kaura connected via Cisco Webex Meeting after the hearing of this case i.e. AC 234 / 2020 was done / over and by that time the representative of the Respondent/ PIO had also disconnected from the Cisco Webex Meeting after attending their concerned cases.

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Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner, Zone –A,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 236 of 2020

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Kuldip Kumar Kaura is present.
Sh. Sandeep Sharma, SDO (O & M Cell, Zone A) along with Sh. Anil Bakshi, APIO (HQ) Health Branch from O/o MC, Ludhiana are present.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 06.08.2020 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Sandeep Sharma states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant. He further mentions about the letter dated 23.09.2020 vide which the information has been sent to the Appellant and to the Commission as well, the same has been received in the Commission vide dairy number 13023 dated 29.09.2020, which is taken on record.

On this, the Appellant states that the information which has been supplied to him is incomplete in nature as there is no residential address is mentioned in the supplied list of Sewermen, as he requests through his RTI Application. He further mentions about his email dated 28.09.2020, which is taken on record.

After going through the case file and discussing with both the parties, the Appellant is directed to go through the supplied list and out of that list, the Appellant is directed to point out 200 names from the list of Sewermen; for collecting the residential address of those 200 persons from the department.

The Appellant, Sh. Kuldip Kumar is directed to send the list of 200 names to the Respondent/ PIO by hand or by registered post within a week, failing which it would be assumed that the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information or he doesnot required the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The PIO is directed to supply the requisite information relating to 200 persons



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as discussed above to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO.

The Appellant is advised to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to '05.01.2021 at 11:00 A.M.' and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 05.01.2021, which is going to be heard through Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.

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Dated: 13.10.2020

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Urban Estate, Focal Point, Ludhiana (141010) Pb.

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner, Zone –D,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner, Zone –D,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 233 of 2020

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Kuldip Kumar Kaura is present.
Sh. Sandeep Sharma, SDO (O & M Cell, Zone A) from O/o MC, Ludhiana is present.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 06.08.2020 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Sandeep Sharma states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant.

On this, the Appellant states that the information which has been supplied to him is not appropriate as he is getting same information in both the cases i.e. present case AC 233/2020 as well as another case AC: 236/ 2020, which is also heard today. He further states that RTI Application of AC 233/ 2020 relates with Zone –D, MC Ludhiana not with Zone –A, MC Ludhiana and further requests the Court to look into this matter and go through his email (dated 29.09.2020) as well, which is taken on record.

After going through the case file and discussing with both the parties, the concerned PIO i.e. The Commissioner, **Zone-D**, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO. A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

The Appellant is advised to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
Ward Number 18, Street number 02, Kartar Nagar,
Amloh Road, Khanna (141401) Punjab

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Government, Punjab,
1st Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Gobindgarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Government, Punjab,
1st Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,
Ludhiana (Punjab) .

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1874 of 2019

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh is present.
Sh. Rajiv Kumar, Municipal Engineer along with Sh. Sandeep Singh, Junior Engineer from O/o EO, MC, Gobindgarh are present.
Sh. Amarjeet Singh, Junior Engineer, from O/o EO, MC, Amloh is present.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 06.08.2020 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant states that he has received the information from PIO O/o EO, MC, Khanna as well as from PIO O/o EO, MC, Gobindgarh but the information relating to the PIO O/o EO, MC, Amloh is still pending and further request for the same. He further mentions about his email dated 13.10.2020, which is taken on record.

On this, Sh. Amarjeet Singh, JE states that he is able to locate some information and he is trying his best to locate other registers which pertains to the information relating to the Applicant's RTI. He further requests for a date, so that he would be able to give the information to the Appellant.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that on the first hearing of this case, i.e. dated 17.09.2019, Sh. Amarjeet Singh was present and at that time he requested the Court for 10 to 15 days for supplying the information to the Appellant. But on the next hearing dated 03.12.2019, nobody came present from PIO O/o EO, MC, Amloh and further on the next hearing dated 22.01.2020, Sh. Lal Chand, Clerk who was present on behalf of PIO O/o EO, MC, Amloh again



requested for an adjournment, as he sought an adjournment. After that, on the previous hearing i.e 06.08.2020, the concerned Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing i.e. today **but the PIO O/o EO, MC, Amloh failed to supply the information till date.**

On asking about the above said observations, which is discussed with both the parties, to which, Sh. Amarjeet Singh, JE started giving vague replies which is unacceptable.

Commission takes a very serious view of the casual approach of the PIO, as the information relating to the concerned RTI is still pending.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' PIO O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Amloh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date. **A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.**

The Appellant is advised to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to '05.01.2021 at 11:00 A.M.' and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 05.01.2021, which is going to be heard through Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.

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Dated: 13.10.2020

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Show Cause:

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O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Amloh.

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

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Government, Punjab,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Locl Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Municipal Bhawan,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4522 of 2019

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is present.
Sh. Gurdeep Singh, Superintendent is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 06.08.2020 vide which last and final opportunity was given to the Respondent / PIO and he was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Gurdeep Singh states that information has been supplied to the Appellant. He further mentions about the email dated 09.10.2020 and 12.10.2020 vide which information has been supplied to the Appellant, which is taken on record.

The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that he has received some information on dated 12.10.2020 which consists of 61 pages and he further requests for some time to point out discrepancies in the supplied information.

After going through the case file and discussing with both the parties, the Appellant is directed to point out deficiencies, if any, in the supplied information by tomorrow positively to the Respondent / PIO through email or through registered post along with a copy to the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information and the case will be decided on merits.

The Respondent/ PIO is further directed to supply the requisite information **again** after removing the deficiencies to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO.

This case is adjourned to '05.01.2021 at 11:00 A.M.' and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 05.01.2021, which is going to be heard through Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.

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Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill,
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P.O. Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana (141014) Punjab.

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairperson,
Improvement Trust, Ludhiana (Pb.)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o O/o The Chairperson,
Improvement Trust, Ludhiana (Pb.)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1475 of 2019

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill is absent.
Sh. Harmeet Singh. Junior Assistant –cum- APIO is present from the
Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 10.08.2020 vide which an opportunity was given to the Respondent / PIO and he was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh is absent but an email dated 13.10.2020 has been received in the Commission vide which he requests for an adjournment as he would not be able to attend the today's hearing. In regard to the information in his email, he has written that no information has been supplied to him.

On asking the same to the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, to which, Sh. Harmeet Singh states that as he doesnot know about the today's hearing and further requests for a date. He further assures that he will look into this and will supply the information to the Appellant within 10 days, if it has not been supplied.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as on the previous hearing dated 10.08.2020 a Show cause notice was issued to the PIO and the PIO was directed to appear in person in today's hearing and supply the information to the Appellant, **but the PIO failed to do so.**

In view of above, last and final opportunity is given to the PIO O/o The Chairperson, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana (Punjab) to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO.

A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

Appeal Case No. 1475 of 2019



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The show cause notice which was issued to the concerned PIO on the previous hearing will stand as it is and if still the information would not be supplied to the Appellant by the next date of hearing then penalty will be imposed on to the concerned PIO or the disciplinary action could be recommended against the PIO, on the next date of hearing.

The PIO, Ms. Kuljeet Kaur is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing along with a copy of an email or registered postal receipt through which information has been sent to the Appellant.

The Appellant is advised to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

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...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner, O & M Cell,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,
Superintendent, (Tehabzari Branch),
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 399 of 2020

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill is absent.
Sh. Parminder Kumar Kalra, Superintendent (HQ) ~ Tehabzaari Branch
along with Sh. Purshotam Lal, SDO from O & M Cell and Ms. Mandeep
Kaur, Clerk from Establishment Branch are present from the
Departments.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 10.08.2020 vide which an opportunity was given to the Appellant whether he had received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh is absent but an email dated 13.10.2020 has been received in the Commission vide which he requests for an adjournment as he would not be able to attend the today's hearing. In regard to the information in his email, he has written that incomplete information has been supplied to him.

The Respondent's states that point number 1 and 2 of the RTI application relates with Establishment Branch, point number 3 and 4 of the RTI application relates with O & M Cell and point number 5 of the RTI application relates with Tehabzaari Branch.

The Clerk, Ms. Mandeep Kaur who is present from Establishment Branch states that the information had already been supplied to the Appellant earlier also and it has been sent again to him on 12.10.2020 and moreover, the Appellant is not pointing out any deficiencies particularly.



Sh. Purshotam Lal, SDO from O & M Cell and Sh. Parminder Kumar, Suptd. from Tehabzaari Branch also states that the information has already been supplied but the Appellant is not pointing any deficiencies particularly.

After discussing with the parties and going through the case file, it has been observed that the Appellant is giving vague replies, in his email dated 13.10.2020; he had written that he had received 10 to 15 % of information which is incomplete as well as misleading, which is unacceptable as the Appellant should point out particularly relating to pending information.

In view of above, last and final opportunity is given to the Appellant and he is directed to go through the supplied information and **point out deficiencies (point wise)** in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission within a week, failing which it will be presumed that the Appellant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

All the concerned parties are directed to appear on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Software.

This case is adjourned to '05.01.2021 at 11:00 A.M.' and all the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 05.01.2021, which is going to be heard through **Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

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...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna (Distt. Ludhiana) Pb.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Khanna (Distt. Ludhiana) Pb.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4251 of 2019

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh Gill is **absent**.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 10.08.2020 vide which the PIO was directed to deposit the penalty amount i.e. Rs. 5000/- into the Government Treasury and further he was directed to supply the information to the Appellant.

In today's hearing, both the parties are absent.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that an email dated 12.10.2020 has been received in the Commission from 'eomckhanna1@gmail.com' in which a copy of letter number 1108 dated 12.10.2020 is attached, along with that receipt of E-challan of depositing the penalty i.e. Rs. 5000/- to the Government Treasury is also attached with that email, which is taken on record.

On the previous hearing dated 10.08.2020, the Appellant stated that no information has been supplied to him and in today's hearing; the Appellant is absent and no intimation relating to the information has been received in the Commission from the Appellant's side or from the Department's side.

In view of above, last opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO and he is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant (if not supplied) by hand or through registered post along with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO. The PIO is further directed to appear on the next date of hearing and supply the copy of information to the Commission as well by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the Appellant and he is directed to inform the Court; whether he has received the information or not; or whether he is satisfied with the same or not, by the next date of hearing through email or through registered post, failing which it will be presumed that the Appellant has received the information and he is satisfied with the same and the case will be decided on merits.

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...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 36 of 2020

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Gagandeep Singh is present.
Ms. Ravneet Kaur, Building Inspector –cum- APIO is present from
Zone D, MC, Ludhiana.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 10.08.2020 vide which the Appellant was directed to visit the concerned office on 27.08.2020 and collect the information after inspecting the desired records.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gagandeep Singh states that he had visited the concerned office on the said date and time. On that day, the PIO was there but Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Draftsmen whose duty was been fixed for the inspection on the previous hearing was not there. There, he was conveyed that as the information is voluminous in nature so he was asked to write down some specific names of the specific buildings and the information will be provided to him against those buildings; to which, he had given 19 names of the buildings and out of those 19 buildings, information relating to only 4 buildings had been received by him. He further mentions about his email dated 12.10.2020, which is taken on record.

On this, Ms. Ravneet Kaur states that apart from the names of the building she also wants to know more about these buildings like proper address, property number etc. She further states that as she had joined recently, so it would be easy for her to trace the same. She further mentions about the letter dated 591 along with the other letters which had been sent to the Commission and the same has been received in the Commission vide diary number 7828 dated 06.07.2020, which is taken on record.

After discussing with both the parties and going through the case file, the statement which has been given by Ms. Ravneet Kaur is unacceptable as she is the Municipal Building Inspector of her area and she should have known everything about the buildings (by name) which are coming under her area.

In view of above, last opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO and she is directed to supply the requisite information (in written and attested form) to the Appellant by hand or through registered post along with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO. The PIO is further directed to appear on the next date of hearing and supply the copy of information to the Commission as well by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information, once he received the same and point out deficiencies **(point wise)** in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it will the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to '04.01.2021 at 11:00 A.M.' and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 04.01.2021, which is going to be heard through **Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 13.10.2020

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...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairperson,
Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 37 of 2020

{Heard through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Gagandeep Singh is present.
Sh. Harmeet Singh. Junior Assistant –cum- APIO is present from the
Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 10.08.2020 vide which the Respondent/ PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gagandeep Singh states that after the last order of the Commission, nothing has been supplied to him and the status of this case is same. He further states that the information relating to point number 06 and 07 is still pending and incomplete information has been supplied against point number 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the RTI Application.

On this, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Harmeet Singh states that the remaining information relates with Technical Branch.

After discussing with both the parties and going through the case file, Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent/ PIO. On the hearing dated 15.06.2020, a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO and on the next hearing dated 10.08.2020 an opportunity was also given to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the information **but still incomplete information has been supplied.**

After going through the case file, the last opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO and he is directed to supply the requisite information after collecting the same from the concerned Department; to the Appellant by hand or through registered post along with a copy to the Commission **within 7 days**, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO. The PIO is further directed to appear on the next date of hearing and supply the copy of information to the Commission as well by the next date of hearing.



The show cause notice which was issued to the concerned PIO on the hearing dated 15.06.2020 will stand as it is and if still the information will not be supplied to the Appellant then penalty will be imposed on the concerned PIO or the disciplinary action could be recommended against the PIO, on the next date of hearing.

The PIO, Ms. Kuljeet Kaur is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing along with a copy of an email or registered postal receipt through which information has been sent to the Appellant.

The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information, once he received the same and point out deficiencies **(point wise)** in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it will the case will be decided on merits.

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