



Parveen Kumar Sayal,
"Sayal & Company",
Octroi Contractor,
Sirhind, Distt. – Fatehgarh Sahib - 140406(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) 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. 1715 of 2021

Present : Sh. N. K. Sayal, 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 22.12.2020. First appeal is dated 03.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.04.2021.

Sh. N. K. Sayal, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

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 a period of five months. 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 PIO concerned of office of Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government, Chandigarh 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.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information 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. He is 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. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 29th September, 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 : 14th July, 2021

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Harshinder Singh S/o Sh. Suba Singh,
Rasulpur (Rohi) Kallar,
40, Khuh Zorha Phatak,
Amritsar - 143001(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintendent Grade – 1
O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Service Cell, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1762 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Mannveer Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government LG - I Branch , on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 30.12.2020. First appeal is dated 30.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.04.2021.

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

Sh. Mannveer Singh, Senior Assistant of office of Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government LG - I Branch, who appeared on behalf of the respondent, in today's hearing, states that the information sought for By the appellant is regarding an enquiry report on a complaint, which has not been completed yet as an enquiry is under process before the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar and a letter was sent to that office vide letter no. 1538 dated 11.10.2019 with the directions to complete the enquiry by involving the appellant in the investigation and send the enquiry report but till date no report has been received from that office. He also

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send a copy of the letter dated 11.10.2019, through which directions were given to Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to complete the enquiry, to the Commission and if, by the next date of hearing, enquiry would be completed, he (respondent PIO concerned) is directed to file a status report regarding action taken on the RTI request filed by the appellant, which must be accompanied with supporting documents as per official record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant 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' so that facts of this could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 29th September, 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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P. D. Bansal,
94, City Homes Colony,
Near Spring Dale School,
Khanna (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

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
Complaint Case No. 411 of 2021

... Respondents

Encl ; i) RTI request
ii) Letter dated 19.11.2019

Present : Sh. P. D. Bansal, the complainant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 20.07.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 05.04.2021.

The complainant, Sh. P. D. Bansal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

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

After examining the case-file, it emerges that the RTI request dated 20.07.2020 of the complainant is addressed to Public Information Officer office of Chief Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government, Chandigarh, whereas, there is no post of Chief Secretary in the office of Deptt. of Local Government.

After examining the case-file, it also emerges that RTI request of the complainant has been forwarded by the Superintendent Crime – 2 office of Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab to Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab Deptt. of Local Government vide letter no. 50950 dated 19.11.2019. It is taken on record.

Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent to Public Information Officer office of office of Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab Deptt. of Local Government alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The Public Information Officer of office of Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab Deptt. of Local Government is also 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 case is adjourned to 29th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Encl :

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Jagsir Singh S/o Sh. Gajjan Singh,
Ward No. 07, Moonak,
Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Panchayat,
Moonak, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 417 of 2021

Present : Sh. Jagsir Singh, the complainant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 18.01.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 06.04.2021.

The complainant, Sh. Jagsir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that a reply has been given to him by the respondent PIO, which is not relevant as through that reply he is intimated that the information sought him through RTI request is in nature of 'questions' and inspection of official record can be done by him.

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 a period of four months. 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 PIO concerned of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Moonak, 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.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the complainant 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 complainant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is 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. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 29th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Tirlochan Singh S/o Sh. Krishan Singh,
V. P. O. – Kuthali, Tehsil – Malerkotla,
Distt. – Sangrur - 148020(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Sangrur (Punjab)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sr. Supdt. of Police,
Sangrur

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 418 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.

- i) Sh. Harwinder Singh, Stenographer O/o D. C., Sangrur ;
- ii) Sh. Kuldeep Singh, A.S. I. O/o S. S. P., Sangrur, for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 08.03.2021. The complaint has been received in the
Commission on 06.04.2021.

The complainant, Sh. Tirlochan Singh is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Kuldeep Singh, A.S. I. office of Sr. Supdt. of Police, Sangrur, who appeared in
today's hearing, states that the information sought through RTI request relates to office of Deputy
Commissioner, Sangrur and RTI request of the appellant has been forwarded to that office vide
letter no. 51 dated 10.05.2021 under intimation to the Commission. It is taken on record.

Sh. Harwinder Singh, Stenographer office of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur who
appeared in today's hearing, states that the information sought through RTI request is regarding
an office-order dated 11.02.2018 passed by District Revenue Officer, Sangrur and there is
prescribed fee to be deposited in 'Suvidha Centre' to collect the same but the complainant has not
deposited the fee till date. He also intimates that the complainant was intimated through a reply
letter no. 239 dated 15.03.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent
to the Commission vide letter no. 32 dated 05.06.2021, which has been received in the
Commission vide Diary No. 15075 dated 09.07.2021 under intimation to the Commission. It,
alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has
received the above-mentioned replies (which have been sent by respondent PIO). He is also
advised 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' or the case would be
decided on merits.

As the case relates with office of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur, hence, the PIO
office of Sr. Supdt. of Police, Sangrur 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 29th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for
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Majhel Singh
S/o Sh. Mehar Singh,
Village – Gondpur, P. O. – Gardhwala,
Tehsil – Dasuya, Distt. - Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Agricultural Officer,
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 757 of 2020

Present : Sh. Majhel Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Viney Sharma, Chief Agricultural Officer, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.09.2019. First appeal is dated 31.10.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.04.2021,

- i) Sh. Viney Sharma, Chief Agricultural Officer, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant stated that incomplete information was given to him, moreover, whatever information was given to him is uncertified and he also pointed out deficiencies, in the supplied information through a letter dated 23.04.2021 to the respondent PIO.
- iii) The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 27.04.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information and collect the same after identification.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) during his visit to office.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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 appellant, Sh. Majhel Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent on 27.04.2021 and only official record of Block of Mukerian was presented to him to inspect and for rest of the Blocks, he was intimated by the PIO that he would be called for inspection but till date no call has been received from the respondent.

Sh. Viney Sharma, Chief Agricultural Officer, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant visited the office of the respondent to inspect the official record and record of Block Mukerian was presented to him and the requisite information of 329 pages has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 09.06.2021 through registered post and remaining information of various Blocks would be provided to him positively. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2362 dated 09.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 12727 dated 11.06.2021. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 15.07.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the remaining information and collect the same after identification.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the remaining information of various Blocks to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) during his visit to office on 15.07.2021 at 11:00 A. M.

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.

The case is adjourned to 29th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Shakti Bhushan S/o Sh. Kewal krishan,
Gali Bhani Sahib, Ward - 08,
Dhanaula, Distt. – Barnala (Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3005 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Shyam Lal, Assistant Transport Commissioner, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 08.12.2018. First appeal is dated 11.03.2019. Second appeal has been received
in the Commission on 19.08.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.04.2021,

- i) An opportunity was given to the appellant 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.
- ii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply the order dated 18.01.2021 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 5,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government.

Sh. Shyam Lal, Assistant Transport Commissioner, who appeared in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant in C D form. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 307-308 dated 21.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

As far as information is concerned that has been supplied in this case but the respondent PIO has not sent any document, which shows that the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon him vide order dated 18.01.2021, has been deposited.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the order dated 18.01.2021 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 5,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab 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 sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport, Chandigarh with the advice to ensure compliance of the orders dated 18.01.2021 (through which penalty was imposed) passed by the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 29th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Department of Transport.,
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector – 9, Chandigarh

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Shakti Bhushan S/o Sh. Kewal krishan,
Gali Bhani Sahib, Ward - 08,
Dhanaula, Distt. – Barnala (Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1297 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab ;
- ii) Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary O/o Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 08.11.2018. First appeal is dated 19.12.2018. Second appeal has been received

in the Commission on 03.04.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.04.2021, an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply the order dated 18.09.2019 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 5,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government

Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary office of Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, appeared in today's hearing, states that a file regarding deduction of penalty has been sent for approval of the concerned authority.

As far as information is concerned that has been supplied in this case but the respondent PIO has not sent any document, which shows that the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon him vide order dated 18.09.2019, has been deposited.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the order dated 18.09.2019 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 5,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab 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 sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

The PIO office of Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case and a copy of this order be sent to him for intimation

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport, Chandigarh with the advice to ensure compliance of the orders dated 18.09.2019(through which penalty was imposed) passed by the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 29th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector – 9, Chandigarh

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Dhanaula, Distt. – Barnala (Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department,
O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1304 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
i) Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab ;
ii) Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk O/o Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 08.11.2018. First appeal is dated 07.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.04.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.04.2021, an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to comply the order dated 19.08.2020 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 10,000/- in the Treasury .

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, appeared in today's hearing, states that a letter no. 17471-73 dated 09.07.2021 has been sent by D. C. (F & A) to Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur regarding deduction of penalty. She also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 17910 dated 13.07.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 15671 dated 16.07.2021. It, alongwith a copy of letter no. 17471-73 dated 09.07.2021, is taken on record.

As far as information is concerned that has been supplied in this case but the respondent PIO has not sent any document, which shows that the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- (penalty already imposed Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 04.12.2019) + enhanced Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 19.08.2020) = Rs. 10,000/-) has been deposited.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the above-said order dated 04.12.2019 and 19.08.2020 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 10,000/- in the Treasury.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab 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 sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

The PIO office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case and a copy of this order be sent to him for intimation

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport, Chandigarh with the advice to ensure compliance of the orders dated 04.12.2019 through which penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed and also orders dated 19.08.2020 through which penalty of Rs. 5000/- was enhanced, by the next date of hearing. A copy of this order also be sent through registered post to Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur to send compliance report of the above-said orders.

The case is **adjourned to 29th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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i) The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Department of Transport.,
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector – 9, Chandigarh

(Regd. Post)

ii) The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot (Punjab)

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Trilochan Singh,
H. No. 848 – A, M.I.G,
Jamalpur Colony,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director, State Transport Department,
Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 381 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, Draftsman, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 04.10.2019. First appeal is dated 04.12.2019. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.04.2021,

- i) Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, Draftsman, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant through a letter dated 26.04.2021, had intimated the Commission that he has pointed out certain deficiencies through a letter dated 08.12.2020 to the respondent PIO, which were not removed.
- iii) Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant, to him with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was also 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 well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, Draftsman, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information of thirty one pages, after removing the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant, has already been supplied to him.

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

Last opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which has been supplied by respondent PIO) or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 29th September, 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.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 14th July, 2021



Trilochan Singh,
H. No. 848 – A, M.I.G,
Jamalpur Colony,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary to
Government of Punjab,
Department of Transport,
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to
Government of Punjab,
Department of Transport,
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 383 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, Draftsman, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.10.2019. First appeal is dated 04.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.04.2021,

- i) Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, Draftsman, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant vide letters dated 05.03.2020, 12.03.2020, 12.01.2021 dated 10.03.2021.
- ii) The appellant through a letter dated 26.04.2021 had intimated the Commission that certain deficiencies were pointed out through a letter dated 08.12.2020 to the respondent PIO, which were never been removed.
- iii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant, to him with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and also 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

Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, Draftsman, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that complete information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 7003 dated 10.03.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 7002 dated 10.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, showing that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

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

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the appellant 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 or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 29th September, 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 : 14th July, 2021



Jagat Ram S/o Sh. Dina Nath,
Village – Nanowal,
P. O. – Ganguwal,
Teh. – SriAnandpur Sahib,
Distt. - Roopnagar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Forest Range Officer,
SriAnandpur Sahib (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Conservator of Forests, Punjab,
Forest Complex, Sector 68,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1958 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jagat Ram, 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 28.02.2020. First appeal is dated 12.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.07.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.04.2021,

- i) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and also 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.
- iii) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The appellant, Sh. Jagat Ram, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

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 26.04.2021. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

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For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, **a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of Forest Range Officer, SriAnandpur Sahib. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.**

The amount of penalty will be deposited 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 on the next date of hearing.

The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 09.09.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit on 09.09.2021 at 11:00 A. M. 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. **If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. He is also directed to represent this case in person on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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 case is **adjourned to 29th September, 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 : 14th July, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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