



Yogesh Mahajan S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahjan,
“Anti Corruption Council”,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. (B & R), Provincial Division,
Bathinda(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Circle,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1359 of 2020

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant in person.
Sh. Amulaya Garg, S.D.O., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application ‘CISCO Webex Meetings’.

The RTI request is dated 06.01.2020. First appeal is dated 05.02.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.05.2020.

Sh. Amulaya Garg, S.D.O., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today’s hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 05.05.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today’s hearing, states that no information has been received till date.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address and send a copy of the information supplied and the postal receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is 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 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 3rd March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application ‘CISCO Webex Meetings’.**

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Date : 14th December, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Yogesh Mahajan S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Division,
Malerkotla(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P.W.D. (B & R), Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1361 of 2020

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, 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 06.01.2020. First appeal is dated 05.02.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.05.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing,
states that 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. The Commission
took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite
information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a
period of ten months.

**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 Executive Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Division,
Malerkotla, 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.

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned is directed to
supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through and send a copy
of the postal receipt 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 3rd March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Division,
Malerkotla(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P.W.D. (B & R), Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1362 of 2020

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, 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 06.01.2020. First appeal is dated 05.02.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.05.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that 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. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of ten months.

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 Executive Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Division, Malerkotla, 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.

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through and send a copy of the postal receipt 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 3rd March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application ‘CISCO Webex Meetings’.**

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"Anti Corruption Council",
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. (B & R), Provincial Sub-Division - 1,
Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P.W.D. (B & R),
Pathankot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1481 of 2020

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant in person.
Sh. Nirmal Singh, S.D.O. of Sub-Division - 1, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 01.02.2020. First appeal is dated 05.03.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.06.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

Sh. Nirmal Singh, S.D.O. of Sub-Division - 1, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, a reply has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 90 dated 17.02.2020 and again vide letter no. 134 dated 05.03.2020. both the above-mentioned replies are placed in the case-file.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the above-mentioned replies to the appellant through registered post at his residential address within a week from today and send a copy of the same and the postal receipt to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information/replies, which would be sent 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 3rd March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. (B & R), Provincial Division,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P.W.D. (B & R), Punjab,
Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1365 of 2020

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant in person.
Sh. Rajeev Kumar Arora, S.D.E., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 06.01.2020. First appeal is dated 05.02.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.05.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

Sh. Rajeev Kumar Arora, S.D.E., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the required information has already been supplied to the appellant vide dated 13.02.2020 and again vide letter dated 10.12.2020 through registered post.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant vide letter dated 10.12.2020 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the supplied information (which was sent to the appellant) 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, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 10.12.2020 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 3rd March, 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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Jasbir Singh,
Village Bholapur Jhabewal,
P. O.- Ramgarh,
Distt. Ludhiana -123455(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Department of Transport, Punjab,
Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana (Punjab)
- iii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2160 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana,
on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 27.03.2019. First appeal is dated 27.04.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.06.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2020, Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, appeared from office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh and sought an adjournment in this case. The respondent-PIO was directed to send a proper point-wise reply to the remaining query/queries, whichever relates with office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, of the RTI request to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

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Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk office of Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, who appeared in today's hearing, states that information, which relates with office of Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, has been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that part information, which relates with office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, is still pending.

Neither the respondent PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh 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 21.09.2020,

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 State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, 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 with a copy of RTI request be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent-PIO to send a proper point-wise reply to the remaining query/queries, whichever relates with office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, of the RTI request to the appellant through registered post 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 3rd March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Encl : RTI request

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Janak Singh S/o Late Shri Ujjagar Singh,
R/o Behloipur, Block Majri,
Teh. & Distt. - Mohali 160014 (Punjab)

... Appellant

V/s.

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development &
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Majri, Tehsil & Distt. - Mohali (Punjab)
- ii) The Block Development &
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Kharar, Tehsil & Distt. – Mohali

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development &
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1272 of 2020

Present : Sh. Janak Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Surinder Pal, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 21.11.2017. First appeal is dated 08.02.2018.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.04.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to send a proper point-wise reply to the queries raised through RTI request, mentioning particularly that information has been given in specific queries and for remaining queries, regarding which the information is not available in the official record, a reply be given, in writing, to the appellant through registered post within one week from that day with a copy to the Commission. Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 13.07.2020 passed by the Commission by depositing the penalty amount in the Treasury of Punjab Government.

Sh. Surinder Pal, Panchayat Secretary, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, complete information has already been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon the Public Information Officer of office of B.D.P.O., Block Majri vide order dated 13.07.2020 passed by the Commission, has been deposited and a copy of challan receipt has been sent to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Janak Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him as he has received information only at point no. 05 and 06 and information at point no. 01, 02, 03 and 04 of the RTI request is still pending.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 16.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M to collect the remaining information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant on 16.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M. during his visit to office.

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, or not by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 3rd March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Janak Singh S/o Late Shri Ujjagar Singh,
R/o Behlolpur, Block Majri,
Teh. & Distt. - Mohali 160014 (Punjab)

... Appellant

V/s.

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development &
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Majri, Tehsil & Distt. - Mohali (Punjab)
- ii) The Block Development &
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Kharar, Tehsil & Distt. - Mohali

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development &
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1278 of 2020

Present : Sh. Janak Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Surinder Pal, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 21.11.2017. First appeal is dated 08.02.2018.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.04.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to send a proper point-wise reply to the queries raised through RTI request, mentioning particularly that information has been given in specific queries and for remaining queries, regarding which the information is not available in the official record, a reply be given, in writing, to the appellant through registered post within one week from that day with a copy to the Commission. Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 13.07.2020 passed by the Commission by depositing the penalty amount in the Treasury of Punjab Government.

Sh. Surinder Pal, Panchayat Secretary, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, complete information has already been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon the Public Information Officer of office of B.D.P.O., Block Majri vide order dated 13.07.2020 passed by the Commission, has been deposited and a copy of challan receipt has been sent to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Janak Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 16.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M to collect the remaining information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant on 16.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M. during his visit to office.

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, or not by the next date of hearing.

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Sukhchain Singh S/o Sh. Ajit Singh,
Sonam Mohalla, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.
Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Pb.,
Amritsar(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2329 of 2019

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, 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 10.04.2019. First appeal is dated 15.05.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 01.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant and also to facilitate him to inspect the relevant official record, if required, on 28.09.2020 at 11:00 A. M., to identify the information and to collect the required information.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has visited the office of the respondent on 28.09.2020 and through a letter dated 28.09.2020, he has pointed out the remaining information (which is pending to be supplied), to the respondent PIO and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 19.10.2020, appended to which is a letter dated 28.09.2020) has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 22.10.2020. He also intimates the Commission that an assurance was given to him that the required information would be sent at his residential address but remaining information has not been given to him till date.

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, 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 21.09.2020.

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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 Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian, 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 at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on 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.

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Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.
Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Pb.,
Amritsar(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2990 of 2019

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, 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 20.08.2018. First appeal is dated 31.05.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.08.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant and also to facilitate him to inspect the relevant official record, if required, on 28.09.2020 at 11:00 A. M., to identify the information and to collect the required information.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has visited the office of the respondent on 28.09.2020 and through a letter dated 28.09.2020, he has pointed out the remaining information (which is pending to be supplied), to the respondent PIO and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 19.10.2020, appended to which is a letter dated 28.09.2020) has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 22.10.2020. He also intimates the Commission that an assurance was given to him that the required information would be sent at his residential address but remaining information has not been given to him till date.

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, 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 21.09.2020.

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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 Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian, 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.

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Sukhchain Singh S/o Sh. Ajit Singh,
Sonam Mohalla, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal Secretary
to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Local Government, Pb.,
Mini Secretariat, Sector -9, Chandigarh

(Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Local Government, Pb.,
Mini Secretariat, Sector -9, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3062 of 2019

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, 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 20.08.2018. First appeal is dated 31.05.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.08.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was also 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. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Government under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian nor PIO of office of Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Government, is present in today's hearing as directed vide orders dated 21.09.2020.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 47466 dated 01.12.2020 signed by PIO office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that RTI request dated 05.04.2018 of the appellant has been transferred to Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, a copy of this order be sent to Public Information Officer office of Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Government, Pb., Chandigarh and Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian, with the directions to represent this case in person on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is **adjourned to 3rd March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Sonam Mohalla, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.
Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Pb.,
Amritsar(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 215 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, 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 05.09.2019. First appeal is dated 25.10.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant and also to facilitate him to inspect the relevant official record, if required, on 28.09.2020 at 11:00 A. M., to identify the information and to collect the required information.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has visited the office of the respondent on 28.09.2020 and through a letter dated 28.09.2020, he has pointed out the remaining information (which is pending to be supplied), to the respondent PIO and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 19.10.2020, appended to which is a letter dated 28.09.2020) has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 22.10.2020. He also intimates the Commission that an assurance was given to him that the required information would be sent at his residential address but remaining information has not been given to him till date.

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, 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 21.09.2020.

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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 Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian, 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 at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on 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 3rd March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Batala, Distt – Gurdaspur

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 216 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, 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 13.07.2019. First appeal is dated 19.08.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant and also to facilitate him to inspect the relevant official record, if required, on 28.09.2020 at 11:00 A. M., to identify the information and to collect the required information.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has visited the office of the respondent on 28.09.2020 and through a letter dated 28.09.2020, he has pointed out the remaining information (which is pending to be supplied), to the respondent PIO and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 19.10.2020, appended to which is a letter dated 28.09.2020) has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 22.10.2020. He also intimates the Commission that an assurance was given to him that the required information would be sent at his residential address but remaining information has not been given to him till date.

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, 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 21.09.2020.

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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 Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian, 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 at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on 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.

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...Appellant

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Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Pb.,
Amritsar(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 217 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, 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 05.08.2019. First appeal is dated 19.09.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant and also to facilitate him to inspect the relevant official record, if required, on 28.09.2020 at 11:00 A. M., to identify the information and to collect the required information.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has visited the office of the respondent on 28.09.2020 and through a letter dated 28.09.2020, he has pointed out the remaining information (which is pending to be supplied), to the respondent PIO and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 19.10.2020, appended to which is a letter dated 28.09.2020) has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 22.10.2020. He also intimates the Commission that an assurance was given to him that the required information would be sent at his residential address but remaining information has not been given to him till date.

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, 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 21.09.2020.

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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 Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian, 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 at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on 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.

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Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Local Government, Pb.,
Amritsar(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 218 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sukhchain Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 08.08.2019. First appeal is dated 19.09.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.09.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant and also to facilitate him to inspect the relevant official record, if required, on 28.09.2020 at 11:00 A. M., to identify the information and to collect the required information.

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Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, 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 21.09.2020.

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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 Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Fatehgarh Churian, 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.

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