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



(Regd. Post) Sh. Ram Chand Bansal,
S/o Sh. Hans Raj,
24944, Street No. 02, Baba Deep Singh Nagar,
Bathinda (151001) Punjab

Appellant

V/s.

(I) (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

(II) (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda (Punjab)

(III) (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The General Manager,
P.R.T.C.,
Bathinda Depot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1991 of 2019

(Heard in Court Room 1 at PSIC, Chandigarh)

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Ram Chand Bansal is present.
Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Stenographer, from O/o STC Punjab, Chandigarh;
Sh. Harivansh, Data Entry Operator from O/o RTA, Bathinda is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 27.09.2021 and afterwards it was postponed and now this case is being heard today i.e. 15.03.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ram Chand Bansal states that the information which has been supplied to him is false in nature.

On the other hand, the Sh. Harivansh, DEO states that the information that has to be supplied by the office of PRTC Bathinda and the copy of the same has been received by their department as well as to the Commission. He further mentions about an email dated 18.01.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record. After going through the case file, it has been observed that a letter dated 11.03.2022 has been received in the Commission vide which the General Manager –cum- PIO of office of PRTC, Bathinda has written that due to meetings relating to Time Tables which are going on; he is unable to appear before the Commission and has requested for a date.

After comparing the RTI of the Applicant and the reply given by the concerned department, I am of the view that the reply given by the department attached with cover letter number 720 dated 18.01.2022 along is found to be satisfactory in nature but the attachments / information should be attested by the General Manager –cum- PIO and moreover, the PIO O/o RTA Bathinda should submit in writing that this information has to be provided by the office of PRTC, Bathinda only.

Also, if the concerned PIO's along with concerned persons from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the PIO's concerned and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant doesn't require the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits. A copy of this order be sent to the PIO's concerned and to the Appellant through registered post.

Appeal Case No. 1991 of 2019
(Heard in Court Room 1 at PSIC, Chandigarh)
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This case is adjourned to **29.06.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. **29.06.2022** which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 15.03.2022

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Majhel Singh,
S/o Sh. Mehar Singh,
Village Gondpur, P.O. Gardhwala,
Tehsil Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur. (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department,
Phase 6, Agriculture Bhawan, SAS Nagar (Mohali.)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 757 of 2020

(Heard in Court Room 1 at PSIC, Chandigarh)

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Majhel Singh is present.
Sh. Satnam Singh, Chief Agriculture Officer,
Sh. Jasbir Singh, Agriculture Officer from Hoshiarpur HQ,
Sh. Vijay Kumar, Superintendent from Hoshiarpur HQ,
Ms. Meena, NFSM, from Hoshiarpur, HQ
Sh. Shawinder Singh, Agriculture Development Officer, Block Hajipur,
Dr. Kamaldeep Singh, Agriculture Development Officer, Block Mukeria,
Sh. Harpreet Singh, Agriculture Development Officer, Block Tanda and
Ms. Upasna Manhas, Agriculture Development Officer, Block Talwara are present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 29.09.2021 and afterwards it was postponed and now this case is being heard today i.e. 15.03.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Majhel Singh states that he has received the information relating to point number 1 only of his RTI and further requesting for remaining information.

On asking about the remaining information, the Superintendent, Sh. Vijay Kumar shows some documents to the Court which are found to be unsatisfactory to the undersigned.

As the Appellant, Sh. Majhel Singh shows a collective chart obtained by him by some department/ case which clarifies everything.

After showing the same to the Chief Agriculture Officer, Sh. Satnam Singh assures that he would look into this matter and make assure that the information would be supplied to the Appellant in the shown format by the next date of hearing.

In view of above, both i.e. the Chief Agriculture Officer, Sh. Satnam Singh and the Appellant, Sh. Majhel Singh is directed to contact each other on phone and fix a meeting at the concerned office for collecting the information accordingly and the concerned PIO is directed supply the information to the Appellant by hand at the time of his visit and further PIO is directed to send a copy of the same to the Commission by email as well, **failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO.**

The Appellant, Sh. Majhel Singh is directed to go through the supplied information 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 it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

This case is adjourned to 04.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 04.07.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 15.03.2022

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Sh. Harshinder Singh,
S/o Sh. Suba Singh,
Rasulpur Rohi Kallan, 40 Khuh,
Jaura Phatak, Amritsar (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintendent, Local Govt. Punjab,
(Municipal Service Cell),
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Local Govt., Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, plot No. 3, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 908 of 2021
(Heard in Court Room 1 at PSIC, Chandigarh)

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Harshinder Singh is absent.
Sh. Yadwinder Singh, Land Scapping Officer is present from Department.

Order:

This case was last heard on 06.10.2021 and afterwards it was postponed and now this case is being heard today i.e. 15.03.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Harshinder Singh is absent but an email dated 12.03.2022 has been received in the Commission vide which it has been written that due to medical issues he would not be able to appear in the today's Court, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Land Scapping Officer, Sh. Yadwinder Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant. He further mentions about an email dated 14.06.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

After going through the case file and discussing with the Land Scapping Officer, Sh. Yadwinder Singh, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the attested copies of information as per RTI to the Appellant by registered post or email along with a copy to the Commission, **failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO.**

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant **again**, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Harshinder Singh is directed to go through the supplied information 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 it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

This case is adjourned to **04.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **04.07.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Munish Kumar Adya,
S/o Late Sh. Girdhar Gopal Adya,
H. No. B-05-975, Mohallan, Falan Adda,
Daal Bazar, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4556 of 2019

(Heard in Court Room 1 at PSIC, Chandigarh)

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar Adya is absent.
None is present from Department.

Order:

This case was last heard on 11.10.2021 and afterwards it was postponed and now this case is being heard today i.e. 15.03.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar is absent but an email dated 13.03.2022 and 14.03.2022 which has been received in the Commission is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO.

In view of above, concerned PIO is directed to **supply the point wise information as per RTI (after removing the deficiencies which were pointed out by the Appellant on 29.09.2021) to the Appellant by registered post or email along with a copy to the Commission** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, **failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO.**

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant again, by the next date of hearing.

The First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab) is directed to look into this matter thoroughly and make sure that the requisite information would be supplied by the PIO concerned to the Appellant well in time failing which a strict would be recommended against the PIO on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information 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 it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

Also, if the concerned PIO along with concerned person from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant doesn't require the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

Appeal Case No. 4556 of 2019
(Heard in Court Room 1 at PSIC, Chandigarh)
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This case is adjourned to **29.06.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. **29.06.2022** which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.

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S/o Late Sh. Girdhar Gopal Adya,
H. No. B-05-975, Mohallan, Falan Adda,
Daal Bazar, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4558 of 2019

(Heard in Court Room 1 at PSIC, Chandigarh)

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar Adya is absent.
None is present from Department.

Order:

This case was last heard on 11.10.2021 and afterwards it was postponed and now this case is being heard today i.e. 15.03.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar is absent but an email dated 13.03.2022 and 14.03.2022 which has been received in the Commission is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO.

In view of above, concerned PIO is directed to **supply the point wise information as per RTI (after removing the deficiencies which were pointed out by the Appellant on 29.09.2021) to the Appellant by registered post or email along with a copy to the Commission** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, **failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO.**

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant again, by the next date of hearing.

The First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab) is directed to look into this matter thoroughly and make sure that the requisite information would be supplied by the PIO concerned to the Appellant well in time failing which a strict would be recommended against the PIO on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information 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 it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

Also, if the concerned PIO along with concerned person from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant doesn't require the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

Appeal Case No. 4558 of 2019
(Heard in Court Room 1 at PSIC, Chandigarh)
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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta,**
R/o # 8/ 237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur, District Ludhiana (141101) Punjab
V/s.

Appellant

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner,
(Urban Development) ,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**
O/o The Director,
Department of Local Govt. Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 369 of 2020

(Heard in Court Room 1 at PSIC, Chandigarh)

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is absent.
Sh. Ardes Kangra, PIO –cum- Joint Deputy Director is present from the Department.

Order:

This case was last heard on 11.10.2021 and afterwards it was postponed and now this case is being heard today i.e. 15.03.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is absent but an email dated 14.03.2022 has been received in the Commission in which he has requested for an exception in today's hearing due to his health issues and further mentions that PIO is not providing the information, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the PIO, Sh. Ardes states that whatever information was available with them has already been supplied to the Appellant.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to **supply the point wise information (till the date of Applicant's RTI)** to the Appellant by email **along with a copy to the Commission** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant **again**, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information 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 it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

Also, if the concerned PIO from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant doesn't require the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **29.06.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. **29.06.2022** which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.

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(Urban Development),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Department of Local Govt. Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4522 of 2019

(Heard in Court Room 1 at PSIC, Chandigarh)

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is absent.
Sh. Ardes Kangra, PIO –cum- Joint Deputy Director is present from the Department.

Order:

This case was last heard on 11.10.2021 and afterwards it was postponed and now this case is being heard today i.e. 15.03.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is absent but an email dated 14.03.2022 has been received in the Commission in which he has requested for an exception in today's hearing due to his health issues and further mentions that PIO has provided him partial information, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the PIO, Sh. Ardes states that whatever information was available with them has already been supplied to the Appellant.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to **supply the point wise information (till the date of Applicant's RTI)** to the Appellant by email **along with a copy to the Commission** and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant **again**, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information 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 it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

Also, if the concerned PIO from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant doesn't require the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **29.06.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. **29.06.2022** which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Jaswinder Singh, S/o Sh. Jagjit Singh,**
Village Sidhupur Kalan, Tehsil Khamano,
District Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Sub Divisional Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation, Sub Division No. 02,
SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 03,
SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3396 of 2019

(Heard in Court Room 1 at PSIC, Chandigarh)

Present : Advocate, Sh. Kulwinder Singh along with the Appellant, Sh. Jaswinder Singh is present.
Advocate, Sh. Manbir Singh Batth along with Ms. Simran Kaur, Sub Divisional Engineer is present
from the Department.

Order:

This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 02.03.2022.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Advocate, Sh. Kulwinder Singh states that they have been provided 19 relevant pages only out of the provided information.

On further discussing, the Advocate, Sh. Manbir Singh states that no village wise list is maintained by the department under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

After discussing with both the parties, it has been observed that the Appellant has sought information i.e. village wise list relating to Swachh Bharat Mission not the whole forms which have been supplied by the concerned Department and this fact has been also admitted by the department during the course of hearing.

So, in view of above facts, the fees of 19 pages which are relevant be deducted from the total fees received by the respondent and the balance amount be refunded to the Appellant by the way of Demand Draft.

The concerned PIO is also directed to bring the Demand Draft on the next date of hearing in the Court which is to be handed over to the Appellant and the PIO is also directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reasons that the concerned list is not maintained at the department end and bring an affidavit to the Court on the next date of hearing.

Also, if the concerned PIO from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **04.05.2022 at 11:30 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. **04.05.2022** which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Jaswinder Singh, S/o Sh. Jagjit Singh,
Village Sidhupur Kalan, Tehsil Khamano,
District Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sub Divisional Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation, Sub Division No. 02,
SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 03,
SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3397 of 2019

(Heard in Court Room 1 at PSIC, Chandigarh)

Present : Advocate, Sh. Kulwinder Singh along with the Appellant, Sh. Jaswinder Singh is present.
Advocate, Sh. Manbir Singh Batth along with Ms. Simran Kaur, Sub Divisional Engineer is present
from the Department.

Order:

This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 02.03.2022.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Advocate, Sh. Kulwinder Singh stated that they have not been provided any useful information.

On further discussing, the Advocate, Sh. Manbir Singh states that no list is being maintained as per the RTI application.

After discussing with both the parties, it has been observed that the Appellant has sought information i.e. list but not the whole forms which have been supplied by the concerned Department and this fact has also been admitted by the department during the course of hearing.

So, in view of above facts, the total fees received by the respondent be refunded to the Appellant by the way of Demand Draft.

The concerned PIO is also directed to bring the Demand Draft on the next date of hearing in the Court which is to be handed over to the Appellant and the PIO is also directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reasons that the concerned list is not maintained by the department and bring an affidavit to the Court on the next date of hearing.

Also, if the concerned PIO from the department would not appear on the next date of hearing in the Court then a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO and if the Appellant would not appear in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the Appellant has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 04.05.2022 at 11:30 A.M. and both the parties are directed to personally come present on the next date of hearing i.e. 04.05.2022 which is going to be heard in Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector- 16, Madhya Marg, Red Cross Building, Chandigarh.

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