



Sh. Ravi Kant, S/o Sh. Sansari Lal,
Krishna Bazar, Ward No 04, Dhariwal (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Dhariwal (Punjab)

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

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 18 of 2020

Present : Sh. Ravi Kant, the Appellant himself is present.
Sh. Baljit Singh, Superintendent from the Department is present.

Order:

This case was last heard on 05.07.2021 through Cisco Webex Meeting Software vide which Respondent / PIO was directed to submit the proof of depositing the penalty into the Treasury and further both the parties were directed to appear in person on 15.07.2021 i.e. today in the State Information Commission office.

Today, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that incomplete and contradictory information has been supplied to him. He further handed over a letter dated 11.07.2021 (signed by himself) to the Court. He further mentions about his emails which has been sent to the Commission on 15.07.2021 and the same is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Superintendent, Sh. Baljit Singh states that the requisite information has been supplied to the Appellant. He further mentions about a letter number 743 dated 11.12.2020 vide which the information has been attached and supplied to the Appellant accordingly. He further states that the cover letter of the information has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 14.12.2020 which is taken on record. He further states that the penalty amount of Rs. 2500/- has also been deposited into the Treasury and a copy of the same has been submitted by him during the preceding of the Court, which is taken on record.

After having the pointwise discussion with both the parties, it has been found that :-

In relating to point number 01 of the RTI Application, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that the allocation money is above Rs. 10 crore and the Department is not supplying all the requisite documents in relating to this. To which the Superintendent, Sh. Baljit Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant vide letter number 743 dated

11.12.2020, in which after going through the attachments (i.e. letter number 5424 dated 16.12.2016) it has been found that the total amount of sanctioned funds to the office of EO, MC, Dhariwal is Rs. 131.86 (in lakhs) and also this record is of year 2016 -17 but the Appellant has requested the record from 2015-16 and 2016-17, to which the concerned PIO is directed to supply the attested copy of information to the Appellant of year 2015-16 by the next date of hearing.

In relating to point number 02 of the RTI Application, the Superintendent, Sh. Baljit Singh states that the Appellant has given written submission to them that he does not require the information in relating to this point to which he shows a letter to the Commission signed by the Appellant dated 27.07.2020 to which the Appellant agrees with the same during the Court.

In relating to point number 03 of the RTI Application, the Superintendent states that the information has been provided to the Appellant vide letter number 743 dated 11.12.2020 to which the Appellant requests the Court to go through the supplied information as the information doesnot match with the point as requested by him through his RTI Application. After going through he documents relating to point number 03 of the RTI Application, the concerned PIO is directed to submit the attested copies of the Final Bills instead of Rough Cost Estimate along with that also supply the attested copies of Tender Notice and copy of Advertisement within 20 days from today signed by the PIO.

In relating to point number 04 of the RTI Application, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that the record of only 7 persons (instead of 18 persons) has been supplied to him to which the Superintendent, Sh. Balljit Singh assures by saying that in that mentioned period i.e. 2015-16 and 2016-17, the available record is of 07 persons only and a part from that no other record is available relating to this.

In relating to point number 05 of the RTI Application, the Superintendent, Sh. Baljit Singh states that the Appellant has given written submission to them that he does not require the information in relating to this point to which he shows a letter to the Commission signed by the Appellant dated 27.07.2020 to which the Appellant agrees with the same during the Court.

In relating to point number 06 and 07 of the RTI Application, the Superintendent, Sh. Baljit Singh states that no money has been spent in the year in 2015-16 , 2016-17 to which the concerned PIO is directed to submit the attested copy of the same (as said by Sh. Baljit Singh in point number 06 and 07) in writing to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In relating to point number 08 of the RTI Application, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that there is more than one account of the Department and further requests the Court that the Department is not showing the usage of grants or any permission of resolution (ਮਤਾ) to which the Superintendent states that the bank statements have been given to the Appellant. After going through the shown documents it was found that the statements which has been given by the Department are incomplete and the concerned PIO is further directed to supply the information to the Appellant relating to point number 08 of the RTI Application. In relating to point number 09 of the RTI Application, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that no information has been supplied to him relating to this point. On asking the same to the Superintendent, Sh. Baljit Singh states that after using the funds the amount be deposited back to the D.C. office. In this, the concerned PIO is directed to specify the usage of grants and also specify the amount which was not used and be given to the D.C. office in the year 2015-16 and 2016-17.

The concerned PIO –cum -EO, Sh. Arun Kumar is directed to go through the above said order thoroughly and supply the attested copies of information signed by himself to the Appellant accordingly. Sh. Arun Kumar, PIO –cum –EO is also directed to bring the attested copies of above said information to the Court on the next date of hearing, failing which a strict action would be recommended against him on the next date of hearing.

Also, a copy of 68 pages i.e. along with the letter number 743 dated 11.12.2020 (vide which the reply was given to the Appellant) which the Appellant as well the Respondent are showing to the undersigned during the Court should also be sent to the Commission by the Department vide registered post within 15 days.

The Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant is also directed to go through the supplied information if received from the concerned department and if he finds any discrepancies then he could notify the same to the department well in time along with the copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to **19.08.2021 at 12.00 noon** for hearing in the Court Room at the office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Sector 16, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

Both the parties are directed to appear on the next date of hearing positively.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 15.07.2021

**Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**



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...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4417 of 2019

Present : Sh. Ravi Kant, the Appellant himself is present.
Sh. Baljit Singh, Superintendent from the Department is present.

Order:

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Today, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that incomplete and contradictory information has been supplied to him. He further mentions about his emails which has been sent to the Commission on 15.07.2021 and the same is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Superintendent, Sh. Baljit Singh states that the requisite information has been supplied to the Appellant. He further mentions about a letter number 745-46 dated 11.12.2020 vide which the information has been attached and supplied to the Appellant accordingly. He further states that the cover letter of the information has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 14.12.2020 which is taken on record. He further states that the penalty amount of Rs. 2500/- has also been deposited into the Treasury and a copy of the same has been submitted by him during the preceding of the Court, which is taken on record.

After having the pointwise discussion with both the parties, it has been found that :

In relating to point number 01 of the RTI Application, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that no information has been supplied to him. To which the Superintendent, Sh. Baljit Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant vide letter number 745 dated 11.12.2020, in which after going through the attachments, it has been found that there is no such information in it and on asking about the information from the Superintendent, Sh. Baljit Singh to which he states that he has to check the same and will

supply the information to the Appellant accordingly. On this, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the attested copy of information i.e. list of persons, name and copies of their licenses to the Appellant of year 2018 to 03.09.2019 (i.e. upto the date of RTI Application) to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In relating to point number 02 of the RTI Application, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that he doesnot require the information relating to point number 02 of the RTI Application, which is taken on record.

In relating to point number 03 of the RTI Application, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that no information has been supplied to him and after going through the supplied documents it has been found that there are no final voucher and final bill copy in it. To which, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the attested copy of information i.e. final voucher and final bill copy of year 2018 to 03.09.2019 (i.e. upto the date of RTI Application) to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In relating to point number 04 of the RTI Application, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that no information has been supplied to him and on this, the Superintendent, Sh. Baljit Singh was not sure and he seeks some time to look into this point. To which, the concerned PIO is directed to look into this and supply the attested copy of information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In relating to point number 05 if the RTI Application, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states thatthere are around 7 accounts of the concerned department but they have given him only one account details which is of HDFC and further states that the list of Thekeydaars is also not complete. To which, the Superintendent, Sh. Baljit Singh states that they have only one official account and whatever the information has been supplied to the Appellant in this point number 05 is complete in nature as part from this no information is available in this point number 05.

In relating to point number 06 of the RTI Application, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that he doesnot require the information relating to point number 06 of the RTI Application, which is taken on record.

In relating to point number 07 of the RTI Application, it is found that there is no proper reply has been given to the Appellant and further the concerned PIO is directed to supply the attested copy of information i.e. copies of sanctioned letters for utilizing the funds of year 2018 to 03.09.2019 (i.e. upto the date of RTI Application) to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

In relating to point number 08 of the RTI Application, the Superintendent, Sh. Baljit Singh states that they have no such record in their concerned office relating to point number 08, to which the concerned PIO is directed to submit the same in writing and supply the same to the Commission.

The concerned PIO –cum EO, Sh. Arun Kumar is directed to go through the above said order thoroughly and supply the attested copies of information signed by himself to the Appellant accordingly. Sh. Arun Kumar, PIO –cum –EO is also directed to bring the attested copies of above said information to the Court on the next date of hearing, failing which a strict action would be recommended against him on the next date of hearing.

Also, a copy of 41 pages i.e. along with the letter number 745-46 dated 11.12.2020 (vide which the reply was given to the Appellant) which the Appellant as well the Respondent are showing to the undersigned during the Court should also be sent to the Commission by the Department vide registered post within 15 days.

The Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant is also directed to go through the supplied information if received from the concerned department and if he finds any discrepancies then he could notify the same to the department well in time along with the copy to the Commission.

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