



Prem Kumar Rattan,
H. No. 78/8,
Park Road, Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)
First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 173 of 2021

Present : Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, the appellant in person.
Ms. Mandeep Kaur, PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Dhuri, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 10.10.2020. First appeal is dated 11.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.06.2021 ;

- i) The respondent through a reply vide letter no. 16 dated 05.04.2021 had intimated the Commission that a reply was given to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant stated that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.
- iii) As complete information was not supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide earlier orders dated 06.04.2021, hence, 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.
- iv) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to supply the required information to the appellant by registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- v) 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.

Ms. Mandeep Kaur, PIO-cum-Tehsildar, Dhuri, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the certified copies of the requisite information have already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 117 dated 05.04.2021 and again a reply has been given to vide letter dated 15.09.2021. She also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1823 dated 15.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that irrelevant information has been given to him as he has demanded process and base of a Registry.

Nevertheless, the respondent PIO is directed to send a written reply, to the remaining query regarding process and base of a "Registry", to the appellant 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 reply or not.

The case is adjourned to 1st December, 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 : 15th September, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Rajinder Kumar,
141, Street No. 6,
Puniya Colony, Haripura Road,
Sangrur - 148001(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Engineer(South),
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Non-Gazetted branch , Patiala (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Engineer(South),
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Establishment Gazetted Branch, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Water Supply & Sanitation,
Pb. Mini Sectt., Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 264 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rajinder Kumar, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Gurminder Singh, Superintendent(Establishment Non-Gazetted branch)
ii) Sh. Malkiat Singh, Superintendent(Establishment Gazetted branch), for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 26.09.2020. First appeal is dated 09.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.06.2021;

- i) The appellant stated that incomplete information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO
- ii) Ms. Naveen Verma, Executive Engineer, (Non-Gazetted branch), stated that whatever information relates with Non-Gazetted branch was supplied to the appellant and remaining information relates with office of Deputy Director(Admin.) Establishment Gazetted branch of office of Chief Engineer, Planning, Design.
- iii) As part information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with Establishment Gazetted branch office of Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Patiala, hence, Public Information Officer office of Chief Engineer(South), Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Establishment Gazetted branch Patiala was impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information (whichever query/queries relates to their branch) to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) The Public Information Officer or representative of office of Chief Engineer(South), Water Supply & Sanitation Division (i) Establishment Non-Gazetted branch and ii) Gazetted branch) Patiala were directed to remain present on the fixed date of hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared.
- v) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that complete information has not been given to him till date.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 224214 dated 06.08.2021, signed by Superintendent-cum-PIO of Roads and Building - 2 Branch, has intimated the Commission that the information demanded through RTI request relates with office of i) C.E.(South), Water Supply & Sanitation , Patiala ; ii) C.E.(PDQA), Water Supply & Sanitation , Patiala ; iii) Deputy Director (Admin.) Water Supply & Sanitation , Patiala, a letter has been forwarded to the above-said offices with the directions to supply the information to the appellant, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

Sh. Gurminder Singh, Superintendent (Establishment Non-Gazetted branch), who appeared in today's hearing, whatever information relates with Non-Gazetted branch has already been supplied to the appellant.

Sh. Malkiat Singh, Superintendent(Establishment Gazetted branch), appeared for the respondent in today's hearing, states that as concerned/dealing hand has joined recently in the branch and seeks an adjournment in this case so that remaining information at point no. 02 and 03 of the RTI request could be supplied to the appellant

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO office of Superintendent (Establishment Gazetted branch), to supply the remaining information at point no. 02 and 03 of the RTI to the appellant, by registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

Another opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be sent) or not.

The case is adjourned to 1st December, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Ashok Kumar Watts,
H. No. B-V-1534,
Street No. 01, Lajpat Nagar,
Abohar, Distt. – Fazilka - 152116(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 430 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Superintendent, LG – IV Branch, for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 19.10.2020. First appeal is dated 21.11.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 12.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.06.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that incomplete information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 03 is not complete.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present. He had also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, complete information was been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide earlier orders dated 06.04.2021, hence, 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.
- iii) The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 20.07.2021 at 12:00 Noon to identify the remaining information.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 20.07.2021 at 12:00 Noon so that remaining information could be identified by him. He was also directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant, after inspection.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information.

The appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has sent a letter dated 26.07.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16676 dated 28.07.2021, intimating that through replies intimation has been given that that enquiry is still pending, whereas, enquiry has been completed. It is taken on record.

Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Superintendent, LG – IV Branch, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the certified copies of the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant time and again vide letters dated 08.01.2021, 22.02.2021, 29.06.2021 and 19.07.2021 and now again has been sent to him vide letter no. 1591 dated 17.08.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1592 dated 17.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 19504 dated 31.08.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared .

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to both the parties to be present with the information (already supplied in the instant complaint-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 21.10.21 at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Arvinder Pal Singh
S/o Late Sh. Pritam Singh,
H. No. 16976, Street No. 1-A,
Aggarwal Colony,
Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Division No. 01 & 02,
Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 474 of 2021

Present : Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Ashwini Goel, S. D. O.(Division – 01), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 27.07.2020. First appeal is dated 05.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.06.2021,

- i) The appellant stated that incomplete information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 03 , 05 and 06 of the RTI request is not complete, moreover, the same information, which has already been given, is again given to him with a copy of map, which was never demanded by him through RTI request.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present He had also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, complete information was supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide earlier orders dated 06.04.2021. hence, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Division No. 01 & 02, Bathinda, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- iii) The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 01.07.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the remaining information.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 01.07.2021 at 11:00 A. M. so that remaining information could be identified by him or his representative. He was also directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant, which would be identified after inspection.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the remaining information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Ashwini Goel, S. D. O.(Division – 01), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the certified copies of the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 3795 dated 20.08.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 3796 dated 20.08.2021 which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 19146 dated 26.08.2021. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information/ annexure with a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that irrelevant information has been given to him as he has not received information regarding drainage of rain water and Garbage in Aggarwal Colony, Bathinda and he has sent a letter dated 26.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 19644 dated 01.09.2021, intimating that irrelevant information has been given to him. It is taken on record.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to send a detailed reply to query no. 03 regarding drainage of rain water and query no. 10 regarding Garbage in Aggarwal Colony, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Bathinda, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Another opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the reply (which would be sent) or not.

The case is **adjourned to 1st December, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Date : 15th September, 2021

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Punjab**

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Prem Kumar Rattan,
H. No. 78/8,
Park Road, Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,
Barnala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Inspector General of Police, Pb.,
Patiala Range,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 497 of 2021

Present : Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan , 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 29.10.2020 First appeal is dated 28.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.06.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Baljit Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Tapa of District Barnala, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant stated that he received the required information and sought an adjournment in this case so that deficiencies, if any, could be pointed out in the supplied information.
- iii) 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 well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 16 dated 21.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 14179 dated 30.06.2021, intimating that the appellant has demanded progress report in a Suit no. 110 dated 24.11.2019, which has been forwarded to the Court of Hon’ble Judicial Magistrate (I C), Ms. Balwinder Kaur and the same information/reply has also been given in another similar case i. e. A. C. 1501 of 2021, which was disposed vide orders dated 11.05.2021. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter dated 15.09.2021 signed by Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division, Tapa, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is not able to attend today’s hearing due to his preoccupation in maintaining the law and order in the ‘Bhartiya Kisan Union’ and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

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The appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has sent a letter dated 02.07.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, intimating that irrelevant information has been given to him. It is taken on record.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to supply the remaining information, as pointed out vide letter dated 02.07.2021 by the appellant, to him by registered post or through an e-mail, before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

Another opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be sent by the concerned PIO) or not.

The case is adjourned to 1st December, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Surinder Mittal,
H. No. 302,
Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar,
Phagwara - 144402(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

- i) 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
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintendent,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government,
(LG – II Branch)
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintendent,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government,
(Trust Services Cell)
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 109 of 2021

Present : Sh. Surinder Mittal, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Anil Kumar, Senior Assistant (Trust Services Cell) ;
ii) Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Superintendent (LG – II Branch), for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 22.06.2020. The complaint has been received in the
Commission on 13.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.06.2021 ;

- i) The complainant stated that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Sh. Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant office of Director Local Government, Punjab (Trust Services Cell), stated that the information sought by the complainant through RTI request is not found available in the official-record.
- iii) As Sh. Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant stated that the information sought by the complainant through RTI request is not found available in the official-record but no written-reply has been received from the office of Director Local Government, Punjab(Trust Services Cell) in the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO office of Director Local Government, Punjab(Trust Services Cell) to send a proper written reply to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission, stating that the required information is not found available in the official record, mentioning the reasons whether official record is missing or destroyed and if destruction of record has been done, a copy of Office-order (if destruction of record has been done) be sent.

- v) As the RTI request of the complainant is addressed to PIO office of Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government but 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, hence, **a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned office of Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**

The appellant, Sh. Surinder Mittal, appeared in person in today's hearing.

Sh. Anil Kumar Kumar, Senior Assistant (Trust Services Cell) office of Director Local Government, Punjab, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the information sought by the complainant through RTI request is not found available in the official-record and FIR has been lodged in the office of S. S. P., Chandigarh vide letter no. 36723 dated 06.09.2021 and a copy of compliant filed to the office of S. S. P., Chandigarh has been sent to the Commission through an e-mail, which is taken on record.

Heard the parties.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to file a status report as to what action has been taken against the official concerned in whose custody the relevant office-record was lying, by the next date of hearing positively.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Superintendent (LG – II Branch) office of Director Local Government, Punjab, who appeared in today's hearing, states that as the remaining information regarding resolution no. 21 dated 16.11.2016 demanded through RTI request relates with Trust Services Cell, hence, show-cause issued vide orders dated 06.04.2021 be dropped and a reply to the show-cause has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 876 dated 03.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 17771 dated 11.08.2021. It is taken on record.

He (Sh. Sanjeev Kumar) further requests for an exemption in the instant appeal-case. Accordingly, LG – II Branch office of Director Local Government, Punjab, 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 1st December, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Brish Bhan
S/o Sh. Saroop Chand,
House Number 33, Kahangarh Road,
Patran, Distt. Patiala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Panchayat,
Dirba, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 516 of 2021

Present : Sh. Brish Bhan, 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 16.10.2020. First appeal is dated 25.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.06.2021;

- i) The appellant stated that he had not received any letter from the office of respondent PIO to deposit the required fee.
- ii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the postal receipt, showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant through a letter, which was sent to him (the appellant) through registered post with the directions that if the required fee was demanded from the appellant within stipulated time, then the appellant would deposit the required fee to the office of the respondent to collect the required information.
- iii) If the respondent failed to submit any supporting document showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant through a letter, which was sent to him (the appellant) through registered post then he was directed to supply the required information to the appellant 'free of cost'.

The appellant, Sh. Brish Bhan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him till date.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that neither the respondent PIO has not sent any document/postal receipt (as directed vide orders dated 30.06.2021), showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant is within stipulated time nor he (respondent PIO) or any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the postal receipt, showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant through a letter, which was sent to him (the appellant) through registered post.

If found that the required fee was demanded from the appellant within stipulated time, then the appellant would deposit the required fee to the office of the respondent to collect the required information and if the respondent failed to submit any supporting document showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant through a letter, which was sent to him (the appellant) through registered post then he is directed to supply the required information to the appellant 'free of cost' 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' so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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Gurmeet Singh S/o Sh. Lal Singh,

Village – Kikker Khera,

Tehsil – Abohar, Distt. - Fazilka(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Abohal Canal Lining Division,
Canal Colony, Abohar, Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Abohal Canal Lining Division,
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Superintending Engineer,

Irrigation Department,

Ferozepur Canal Circle, Ferozepur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 495 of 2020

Present : Sh. Gurmeet Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Gurvir Singh Sidhu, S. D. O., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 29.08.2019. First appeal is dated 08.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.06.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Sh. Alok Chowdhary, S. D. O. office of Abohal Canal Lining Division, SriMuktsar Sahib, stated that in response to the RTI request, a reply was given to the appellant vide letter no. 2099-2103 dated 16.06.2021, intimating him that the information sought through RTI request is for the period from 1984 to 2000, which is more than thirty years old and the official record is not available.
- iii) Both the PIOs office of i) Executive Engineer, Abohar Canal Lining Division, Abohar and ii) Executive Engineer, Abohar Canal Lining Division, SriMuktsar Sahib were directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the fixed date of hearing so that facts of this case could be cleared.

Sh. Gurvir Singh Sidhu, S. D. O., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 2099 dated 16.06.2021. He also intimates the Commission that Abohar Canal Lining Division does not exist presently and has been merged in Mining and Geology Department and related record is lying in the office of Abohar Canal Lining Division, SriMuktsar Sahib and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2099-2103 dated 16.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13417 dated 21.06.2021. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that irrelevant information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

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Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 15.09.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to identify the information.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 15.09.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to identify the information

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 15.09.2021 at 12:00 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.

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 date and time of inspection of relevant official record has been announced to both the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

The case is adjourned to 1st December, 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.

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(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
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Arjan Dev S/o Sh. Malawa Ram,
Village – Dhadda,
P. O. – Hazaara,
Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd.Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.),
Jalandhar(Punjab)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,
Division – 01, Jalandhar

(Regd.Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairman/Sarpanch,
Gram Panchayat,
Water Supply Committee,
Village – Dhanda,
Block Jalandhar East(Punjab)

...Respondents

Encl : RTI request

Complaint Case No. 631 of 2021

Present : Sh. Arjan Dev , the complainant in person.
Sh. Kishore Kumar, Junior Engineer, Division – 1, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 07.12.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 25.05.2021.

The complainant, Sh. Arjan Dev, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Kishore Kumar, Junior Engineer, Division – 1, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information, demanded by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of Chairman/Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee, Village – Dhanda, Block Jalandhar East and a letter was forwarded to that vide letter no. 479 dated 13.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 20914 dated 14.09.2021. It is taken on record.

As part of the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee, Village – Dhanda, hence, Public Information Officer office of Chairman/Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee, Village – Dhanda, Block Jalandhar East, be impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to file a reply, in writing, to the query/queries (whichever relates to his office) raised by the appellant through his RTI request (copy attached). He/she (respondent-PIO concerned) 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. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post.

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As the RTI request is addressed to Public Information Officer of office of Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.), Jalandhar, hence a copy of this order be sent to him with the directions to represent this case in person on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is adjourned to 1st December, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Punjab

Encl : RTI request

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Ms. Preeti
W/o Sh. Jasvir Singh,
Village – Dayal,
P. O. – Pojewal,
Tehsil – Balachaur,
Distt. – Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Sub Division Balachaur,
Distt. – Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 756 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 30.03.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 11.06.2021.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply 1998-5P dated 04.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 20076 dated 06.09.2021, has intimated the Commission that givable information and a reply has already been given to the complainant vide letter no. 868-5P dated 12.04.2021. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the notice of hearing issued by the Commission on 05.08.2021 in the name of the complainant, Ms. Preeti is received back in the office of the Commission as 'undelivered' through Diary No. 18240 dated 17.08.2021. It is taken on record.

A copy of this order again be sent to the complainant at her residential address with an opportunity to confirm whether she received the information, which was sent to her by the respondent PIO and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to her, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. She is also advised to represent this case in person or through her representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or it will be assumed that she (the complainant) has received the information and is satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on next date fixed for hearing through facility of software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 1st December, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Avtar Singh
S/o Sh. Chhattar Singh,
H. No. 236,
Village – Jagpura(Gobindpura)
P. O. -Banur,
Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar Mohali - 140601 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,
Banur,
Distt. S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,
Banur,
Distt. S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2741 of 2021

Present : Sh. Avtar Singh, the appellant in person.
Ms. Sunita, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 03.02.2021. First appeal is dated 07.04.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.06.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Avtar Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Ms. Sunita, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the certified copies of the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant except attendance register as demanded through RTI request, which (attendance register) is with office of District Education Officer, S. A. S. Nagar. She also states that the concerned B.P. E.O. is on medical leave and seeks an adjournment in this case.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information, after collecting the same from the concerned office, to the appellant, by registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

Another opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be sent) or not.

The case is adjourned to 1st December, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
Ward No.18, Street No.2,
Kartar Nagar, Amlah Road,
Khanna, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sanitation Division,
Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
and Sanitation Circle,
Patiala. (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2651 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia , the appellant in person.
Sh. Paramjit Singh, S. D. O., Bassi Pathana at Sri Fatehgarh Sahib , in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 26.11.2020. First appeal is dated 15.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.06.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Sh. Paramjit Singh, S. D. O., Bassi Pathana at Sri Fatehgarh Sahib , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that , the certified copies of the requisite information have already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 14.09.2021 through registered post.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant vide letter dated 14.09.2021 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 14.09.2021 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 or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 1st December, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Amarjit Singh
S/o Sh. Balvir Singh,
V.P.O.- Karnana,
Tehsil - Nawanshaher,
Distt. –Shaheed Bhahat Singh Nagar(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 652 of 2021

Present : Sh. Amarjit Singh , the complainant in person.
Sh. Naresh Kumar, Head Constable O/o D. S. P., Banga, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.02.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 27.05.2021.

The complainant, Sh. Amarjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received any information from the respondent PIO.

Sh. Naresh Kumar, Head Constable office of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Banga, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the information demanded through RTI request is regarding number of people(Ladies, Gents, Minors/Majors children, who died during period of 23.03.2020 to 13.07.2020 which is to be collected from 12 Police Posts in the District, hence, an adjournment be given in this case.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply 2170 dated 07.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 20273 dated 08.09.2021, has intimated the Commission that a reply has already been given to the complainant vide letter no. 771-5P dated 25.02.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 17.09.2021 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 to the office on 17.09.2021 at 12:00 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.

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 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 date and time of inspection of relevant official record has been announced to both the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

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