



Smt Surinder Kaur, (9803150022)

W/o Sh. Joban Singh,
H No 411, Phase 1B, Shivalik Avenue, Naya Nangal,
Tehsil Nangal, Distt Ropar.

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o EO, MC, Nangal,
Distt Ropar.

.....Respondent

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Govt,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No.2027 of 2021

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on	:	07-08-2020
PIO replied on	:	-
First appeal filed on	:	04-11-2020
First Appellate Authority order	:	-

Present: Appellant: **Abent**

Respondent: Sh. Khusbir Singh (Supt.), 9872260822

ORDER: (First Hearing)

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 26.04.2021. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Respondent, Sh. Khusbir Singh stated the sought information is in question form that is why it can't be provided.
3. This Commission is of the considered view that the information can be given to the appellant as the Public Information Officer (PIO) cannot deny information available on record merely because the queries are prefixed with "why, what, when or whether".
4. The case is adjourned to date 05.01.2022 through Cisco Webex at 11:00 am with the directions to respondent PIO, to file a reply / supply information before the next date of hearing. Failing to which action under section 20(1) of RTI act will be initiated. On other hand, the appellant is hereby, directed to revert back to the authorities in case of deficiencies, if any, in the information so supplied by the respondent before the next date of hearing.

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Chandigarh
Dated: 15.09.2021

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(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Pb.



Ms. Ravneet Kaur, (9780776744)
29, Friends Avenue, Majitha Road,
Amritsar.

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Baba Farid University of Health Science,
Faridkot.

.....Respondent

First Appellate Authority
O/o Registrar, Baba Farid University of Health Science,
Faridkot.

Appeal Case No.2074 of 2021
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on : 04-02-2021
PIO replied on : 03-03-2021
First appeal filed on : 08-03-2021
First Appellate Authority order : 09-04-2021

Present: Appellant: Sh. Balvinder Singh on behalf of applicant
Respondent: Advocate Rajneesh Garg (PIO), 9815553933

ORDER:

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 28.04.2021. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Appellant's representative Sh. Balvinder Singh stated that incomplete information has been supplied so far by the respondent PIO.
3. In view of the above observations, the PIO is directed to visit the RTI application afresh and furnish a modified reply to the appellant on all of the points raised in the RTI application. The Commission offers the respondent PIO another opportunity to furnish the information requested by the appellant. Failing to this penal proceeding under Section 20 shall be initiated.

In case the partial information is not available in the office record then an undertaking may be filled in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission therein mentioning the reasons for its non-availability.

4. To come up on **05.01.2022** through **Cisco Webex** at **11:00 am**.

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Smt. Neelam Handa, (7889084560)
1715/16, Ajeet Nagar, Haibowal Kalan ,
Ludhiana-14100

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o District Treasury Office,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Treasury Office,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No.2084 of 2021
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on	:	07-01-2021
PIO replied on	:	03-03-2021
First appeal filed on	:	25-02-2021
First Appellate Authority order	:	09-04-2021

Present: Appellant: Smt. Neelam Handa
Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 29.04.2021. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Appellant, Smt. Neelam Handa stated that no information has been supplied so far.
3. As nobody is preset on behalf of respondent authority the case is adjourned to date 26.10.2021 through Cisco Webex at 11:00 am with the directions to respondent PIO, to file a reply / supply information before the next date of hearing. Failing to which action under section 20(1) of RTI act will be initiated. On other hand, the appellant is hereby, directed to revert back to the authorities in case of deficiencies, if any, in the information so supplied by the respondent before the next date of hearing.

In case the partial information is not available in the office record then an undertaking/affidavit may be filled in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission therein mentioning the reasons for its non-availability.

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NOTE: All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as: Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005, Signature of the PIO, Name of the PIO, Name of the Public Authority, Date.

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Sh. Satnam Singh Randhawa, (7009729370)

SCO 88, District Shopping Centre, Ranjeet Avenue,
Amritsar.

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o XEN, Provincial Division, PWD,
Amritsar.

.....Respondent

First Appellate Authority

O/o Superintending Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD
Amritsar.

Appeal Case No.2088 of 2021
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on	:	11-08-2020
PIO replied on	:	-
First appeal filed on	:	27-10-2020
First Appellate Authority order	:	-

Present: Appellant: Sh. Satnam Singh Randhawa
Respondent: Sh. Vikas Joshi (Jr. Asst.), 9815202344

ORDER:

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 27.04.2021. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.

Observations:

2. Both the parties are present. Appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh Randhawa reiterated the contents of his RTI application and stated that no information/reply has been supplied so far. Respondent, Sh. Vikas Joshi in his reply stated that in view of the very voluminous size of the documents/vouchers involved in respect of certain queries, the appellant was requested to inspect the exact documents that he may indicate, but he turned up for the same.

Decision:

3. In view of the above observations, the PIO is directed to provide an additional reply to the appellant on all of the points raised in the RTI application as per RTI 2005. On these points, the PIO is directed to offer inspection of the relevant available records to the appellant at a mutually convenient date and time. The appellant is directed to avail of the said offer, failing which no further opportunity will be provided to him.

Another opportunity is given to both the parties to present the case on next date of hearing positively, failing to which the case would be decided on merit basis

4. To come up on **05.01.2022** through **Cisco Webex** at **11:00 am**.

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Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, (7814322100)

C/o Police Public Dairy, 15 A, Shastari Nagar,
Model Town, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o XEN, Construction Division, PWD B&R No 2,
Hoshiarpur.

.....Respondent

First Appellate Authority

O/o Superintending Engineer, Construction PWD B&R Circle,
Hoshiarpur.

Appeal Case No.2109 of 2021

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on	:	02-01-2021
PIO replied on	:	14-01-2021
First appeal filed on	:	22-02-2021
First Appellate Authority order	:	-

Present: Appellant: Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg

Respondent: Sh. Surjit Kumar (Supt.), 9872213865

ORDER:-

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 30.04.2021. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Respondent, Sh. Surjit Kumar stated that he has already supplied the sought information to the appellant dated 24.02.2021 through post.
3. Appellant, Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg stated that no information has been received so far.
4. In view of the above, the PIO is directed to provide an additional reply to the appellant on all of the points raised in the RTI application through email. On other hand, the appellant is hereby, directed to revert back to the authorities in case of deficiencies, if any, in the information so supplied by the respondent before the next date of hearing.

In case the partial information is not available in the office record then an undertaking may be filled in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

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Dr. Narendra Nath Ganguly, (9435043449)
M.S. PhD, Associate Professor of Surgery,
JMC, Jorhat, Assam.
R/o 12, Jyoti Prasad Agarwala, Bye Lane,
Bishnurabha Path, Beltola, Guwahti-781028.

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

(RTI Encl.)Public Information Officer
O/o Christian Medical College,
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

First Appellate Authority

O/o Convener, MCI Nodal Centre, C/o Christian Medical College,
Ludhiana.

Appeal Case No.2164 of 2021
(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on	:	18-03-2020
PIO replied on	:	11-05-2021
First appeal filed on	:	26-06-2020
First Appellate Authority order	:	10-07-2020

Present: Appellant: Advocate Firuz Khan

Respondent: Advocate Bhriagu Dutt Sharma (9814245156) along with Advocate R.S Mattu

ORDER:-

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 04.05.2021. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. Keeping in view the facts of the case and the submissions made by both the parties and the Commission directs the Public information to provide a clear, cogent and reasoned response to the Appellant with a copy to the Commission, as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.
3. To come up on **26.10.2021** through **Cisco Webex** at **11:00 am**.

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Sh. Sanjeev Thakur, (8968084100)

Village Gudha Khurd,
PO Madhopur Cant-145024

.....Appellant/Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

.....Respondent

O/o Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle No 1, PWD B&R,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle No 1, PWD B&R,
Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No.2198 of 2021

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on	:	02-01-2021
PIO replied on	:	-
First appeal filed on	:	15-02-2021
First Appellate Authority order	:	-

Present: Appellant: Absent

Respondent: Sh. Harjit Talwar (Jr. Asst.), 9779099100

ORDER:-

1. The Appellant/Complainant filed above mentioned appeal/complaint case in the Commission dated 04.05.2021. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
2. From a perusal of the relevant case records, it is noted that the appellant is aggrieved with the fact that the desired information was not provided to him and further prayed to the Commission to direct the Respondent to supply the desired information as sought in the RTI application.
3. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards the RTI ACT, 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the respondent in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that the conduct of respondent was against the spirit of the RTI ACT, 2005 which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.

DECISION:

4. Keeping in view the facts of the case and the submissions made by both the parties, the Commission while expressing its deep displeasure over the casual manner in dealing with the current RTI application, directs the Respondent, to appoint a responsible officer of an appropriate seniority to examine the RTI application and furnish a clear, cogent and precise

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reply to the Appellant as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

NOTE:

- 1. It is settled law that a person who approaches the court must come with clean hands and put forward all the material facts otherwise he shall be guilty of misleading the court and his application or petition may be dismissed at the threshold. If an applicant makes false statement and suppresses material facts or attempts to mislead the court, the court may dismiss action on that ground alone. The applicant cannot be allowed to play 'hide and seek' or to 'pick and choose' the facts he likes to disclose**
 - 2. The representative must be of sufficient seniority. A (Jr. Asst.), attending in the place of a Superintending Engineer will not be accepted. b) It is the discretion of the Commission to allow a representative.**
 - 3. The PIO Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle No 1, PWD B&R Jalandhar (By Name) has to be present on next date of hearing.**
5. To come up on **05.01.2022** through **Cisco Webex** at **11:00 am**.
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