



Jagdish Singh  
H. No. 5, Bagh Ramanand,  
Amritsar (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post) 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

Encl : RTI request

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 1144 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Jagdish Singh, the complainant in person.  
Sh. Prem Sharma, P. A. to C.E.O., Smart City, Amritsar , on behalf of the  
respondent.

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 26.04.2021. The complaint has been received in the  
Commission on 10.09.2021.

Sh. Prem Sharma, P. A. to C.E.O., Smart City, Amritsar , who appeared on behalf of  
the respondent in today's hearing, states that the information demanded through RTI request  
relates with office of Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government,  
Chandigarh. Moreover, a reply vide letter no 173 dated 20.07.2020 has also been sent to the  
appellant, which is placed in the case-file.

The complainant, Sh. Jagdish Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing,  
states that no information has been given to him by the respondent. He also intimates that  
information demanded by him relates with office of Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Chandigarh and he has sent RTI request to that office not to C.E.O.,  
Smart City, Amritsar.

As the RTI request of the appellant was addressed to PIO of office of Principal  
Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government and the information demanded  
by him also relates with office of Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local  
Government, Chandigarh, hence, a copy of this order be sent to PIO office of Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab, Chandigarh alongwith RTI request through registered post with the  
directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries  
raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission. He (the PIO concerned) is also  
directed to represent this case in person or through his representative before the Commission  
alongwith a copy of the information (which was/would be supplied to the appellant) with the  
relevant official record in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of  
the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

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If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

A copy of this order be sent to C. E. O. office of Smart City, Amritsar through registered post with the advice to ensure presence of any of official of his office as a representative to represent this case in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

Encl : RTI request

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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(Regd. Post)

The Chief Executive officer,  
O/o Smart City,  
Amritsar(Punjab)



Jaswant Sarpal

S/o Sh. Darbari Lal Sarpal,  
H. No. 2220/2, Arian Street,  
Inside Mohan Singh Gate,  
Amtitsar(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. 3472 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Jaswant Sarpal, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Mannveer Singh Sidhu, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO, for the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 16.04.2021. First appeal is dated 11.06.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.08.2021.

Sh. Mannveer Singh Sidhu, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information of 560 pages at point no. 01 and 02 of his RTI request has already been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates that information demanded at point no. 03 of his RTI request is not specific, moreover, voluminous in nature.

The appellant, Sh. Jaswant Sarpal, who appeared in person, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as he has not received information at point no. 03 of his RTI request, moreover, 414 pages of information have been given to him by the respondent PIO.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 15.12.2021 at 12:00 noon to identify the remaining information at point no. 03 of his RTI request

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 15.12.2021 at 12:00 noon so that information at point no. 03 of his RTI request 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 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.

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied and copy of remaining information at point no. 03 of his RTI request) with the relevant official record in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

**(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**

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(Regd. Post) Harbans Singh S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,  
Patti Chahalan, V. P. O. – Bhiwanigarh,  
Distt. – Sangrur – 148026 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Bhiwanigarh, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Bhiwanigarh, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3418 of 2021**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Hemant Kumar, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 21.04.2021. First appeal is dated 28.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.07.2021.

Sh. Hemant Kumar, Junior Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information demanded by the appellant is available on official website.

The appellant, Sh. Harbans Singh is not present in today's hearing.

As the appellant has demanded information regarding action taken report on Plots/Buildings constructed under Policy Number 12/01/2017-5HG2/1806 dated 18.10.2018, which should be given to the appellant by the concerned PIO under his signatures.

Hence, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 15.12.2021 at 12:00 noon so that the required information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the certified copies of the information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection, under intimation to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to avail the opportunity to visit the office of the respondent PIO concerned to inspect the relevant official record on 15.12.2021 at 12:00 noon to identify the information and take certified copies of the same after. He is also advised to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not by the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The concerned Executive Officer-cum-PIO and Sh. Hemant Kumar, Junior Engineer, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

The case is adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Kailash Bassi,  
Model Town, Miani Road,  
P. O. – Dasuha - 144205,  
Distt. - Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Division,  
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Division,  
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3420 of 2021

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

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 11.03.2021. First appeal is dated 27.04.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.07.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Kailash Bassi is not present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability.

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. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Division, Hoshiarpur, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Another opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date : 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta  
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,  
Mandi Mullanpur,  
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha,  
District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 450 of 2020

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta , the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 20.01.2020. First appeal is dated 24.01.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.08.2021 ;

- i) The respondent-PIO was directed either to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant or file a written reply in the shape of an affidavit.
- ii) The appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him by the respondent-PIO, in writing and the respondent PIO is directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1834 dated 17.09.2021 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that a penalty of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon the PIO vide orders dated 08.06.2021, has been deposited and copy of Challan receipt alongwith copy of Voucher No 37 has also been sent. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

As through above-mentioned reply the respondent has only intimated that penalty of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon the PIO vide orders dated 08.06.2021, has been deposited but he has not sent any document, showing that the requisite information or reply/affidavit has been given to the appellant.

Accordingly, last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through RTI request. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send/file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, mentioning the reasons whether relevant official record is missing or not traceable in the official record and send the same in advance to the appellant through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission to establish the fact that above-announced order of the Commission has been complied with.

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

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022 (Wednesday) 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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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta  
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,  
Mandi Mullanpur,  
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha,  
District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 177 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, 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 22.01.2020. First appeal is dated 24.01.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.08.2021 ;

- i) The respondent-PIO was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 25.08.2021 and supply the certified copies of the required information after inspection to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him by the respondent-PIO, in writing and the respondent PIO is directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent but no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter dated 17.09.2021 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that a penalty of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon the PIO vide orders dated 08.06.2021, has been deposited and copy of Challan receipt alongwith copy of Voucher No 36 has also been sent. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

As through above-mentioned reply the respondent has only intimated that penalty of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon the PIO vide orders dated 08.06.2021, has been deposited but he has not intimated he has also not sent any document, showing that the requisite information or reply an affidavit has been given to the appellant.

Accordingly, last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through RTI request through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.

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

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022 (Wednesday) 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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(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta  
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,  
Mandi Mullanpur,  
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha,  
District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2595 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 06.07.2019. First appeal is dated 11.07.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.08.2021 ;

- i) The respondent-PIO was directed either to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant or file a written reply in the shape of an affidavit.
- iii) The appellant is advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him by the respondent-PIO, in writing and the respondent PIO is directed to remove the same before the next date of hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1834 dated 17.09.2021 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that a penalty of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon the PIO vide orders dated 08.06.2021, has been deposited and copy of Challan receipt alongwith copy of Voucher No 38 has also been sent. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

As through above-mentioned reply the respondent has only intimated that penalty of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon the PIO vide orders dated 08.06.2021, has been deposited but he has no intimated he has also not sent any document, showing that the requisite information or reply an affidavit has been given to the appellant.

Accordingly, last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through RTI request through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.

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

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022 (Wednesday) 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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(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Sanjeev Thakur,  
Village – Gudha Khurd,  
P. O. – Madhopur Cantt.-145024 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Labour Conciliation Officer,  
Pathankot(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,  
Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre,  
Phase -10, Sector 64, S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3460 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Kunwar Dawar, Labour Conciliation Officer, in person.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 28.05.2020. First appeal is dated 06.07.2020. Second  
appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.11.2020.

Sh. Kunwar Dawar, Labour Conciliation Officer, who appeared in person in  
today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant  
vide letter no. 541 dated 24.09.2021 through registered post and the appellant was also asked to  
visit the office on 01.10.2021 for the information, if any pending, but he did not visit the office. He  
also intimates the Commission that a reply dated 04.10.2021, in an affidavit, has also been sent  
to the Commission vide letter no. 561 dated 04.10.2021, which has been received in the  
Commission vide Diary No. 22561 dated 05.10.2021. It, alongwith original affidavit and a copy of  
supplied information with a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur through a letter dated 15.11.2021, which has  
been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the  
required information has not been given to him by the respondent PIO. He has also intimated the  
Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing due to ill-health and requested for an  
adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

As the appellant through his letter dated 15.11.2021, has only intimated that  
required information has not been given to him by the respondent PIO but he has not intimated  
specifically, on which point of his RTI request, the information is yet to be supplied by the  
respondent.

Hence, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if  
any, 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

Another opportunity is also given to both the parties to represent this case in  
person or through their representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of  
Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing  
through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Sanjeev Thakur,  
Village – Gudha Khurd,  
P. O. – Madhopur Cantt.-145024(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3461 of 2020

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

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 20.07.2020. First appeal is dated 21.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.11.2020.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4953 dated 22.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 7594 dated 01.04.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur through a letter dated 15.11.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the required information has not been given to him by the respondent PIO. He has also intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing due to ill-health and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

As the appellant through his letter dated 15.11.2021, has only intimated that required information has not been given to him by the respondent PIO but he has not intimated specifically, on which point of his RTI request, the information is yet to be supplied by the respondent.

Hence, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, 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

Another opportunity is also given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Sat Narain Bansal,  
127, Phulkian Enclave,  
Patiala - 147004(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Deputy Director(Admin.),  
Punjab Water Resources Department,  
Sector 18, Hydrel Building, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director(Water Cell),  
Punjab Water Resources Department,  
Sector 18, Hydrel Building, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 3466 of 2020**

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

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 07.08.2020. First appeal is dated 13.09.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.11.2020.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4400-4401 dated 21.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 21572 dated 22.09.2021, has intimated the Commission that a reply has already been sent to the appellant through registered post. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sat Narain Bansal through a letter dated 14.11.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the required information has not been given to him by the respondent PIO. It is taken on record.

As the appellant through his letter dated 14.11.2021, has only intimated that required information has not been given to him by the respondent PIO but not intimated to the concerned PIO for remaining information(which is pending), hence, an opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, 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

Another opportunity is also given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Rajinder Kumar  
S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,  
Ward – 02, Supreme Enclave,  
Near Vishavkarma Bhawan,  
Link Road, Mansa - 151505(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,  
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...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2144 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rajinder Kumar, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Ashish Kumar, Superintendent, LG – III Branch, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 30.01.2021. First appeal is dated 09.03.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.08.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- iv) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Ashish Kumar, Superintendent, LG – III Branch, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information demanded through RTI request is regarding action taken report on a complaint dated 18.11.2020 and a reply as status report has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 2262 dated 10.11.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2263 dated 10.11.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-mentioned reply till date.

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Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information/reply (which was already given to the appellant) in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 2<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 (Wednesday) 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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