



Rajinder Pal Sharma,  
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Rampura Phul – 151103  
Distt. - Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- (Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,  
Dep'tt. of Irrigation, Punjab,  
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh
- (Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chief Engineer/Canals,  
Water Resource Department, Punjab,  
Sector 18, Chandigarh
- (Regd. Post) iii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The S. D. O.,  
Bathinda Canal Division,  
Bathinda

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Chief Secretary to  
Government of Punjab,  
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2107 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Rajinder Pal Sharma, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Gurpal Singh, S. D. O. office of Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda, in person.

**ORDER**

The RTI request is dated 25.09.2019. First appeal is dated Nil. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.08.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 13.10.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Gurpal Singh, S. D. O. office of Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 273 dated 27.08.2021 through speed post.
- ii) The appellant stated that the information given is not as per RTI request.
- iii) An opportunity was 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 so that facts of this case could be cleared.

Sh. Gurpal Singh, S. D. O., Canal Division, Bathinda , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 273 dated 27.08.2021 through speed post.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Pal Sharma, who appeared in today's hearing, orally expresses his dissatisfaction over the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

After going over the queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request and the response given by the respondent PIO concerned and finding it satisfactory, no cause of action is left in this case, hence, the case is announced as **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate  
8/237, Jagraon Road,  
Mandi Mullanpur,  
Distt. – Ludhiana -141101(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Sub Divisional Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply  
and Sewerage Board,  
Sub-Division - Jagraon,  
Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,  
Near Nestle Club, Ferozepur Moga G T Road,  
Opposite Majestic Resorts,  
Moga (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Sub Divisional Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply  
and Sewerage Circle,  
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 690 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Supinder Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer of Sub-Division, Raikot, in person.

**ORDER**

The RTI request is dated 09.03.2020. First appeal is dated 18.03.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.02.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 13.10.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Sh. Supinder Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer and Sh. Parul Goel , Executive Engineer, stated that the works relates to town Mullanpur is attached with P.W.S.S.B., Moga Division Jurisdiction and relevant records have shifted in parts from Ludhiana to concerned Moga office and the appellant was asked to visit the office of Division Moga to inspect the official record and collect the required information.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring the relevant official record in the Commission before the Bench of the undersigned so that facts of this case could be cleared.

Sh. Supinder Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer of Sub-Division, Raikot, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, who appeared in today's hearing, orally states that he is satisfied with the supplied information and he will have no objection if the case is closed today itself.

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After going over the queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request and the response given (to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request) by the respondent PIO concerned, it emerges that no information is pending to be supplied in this case and the appellant has also orally admitted the same.

Moreover, on the earlier date of hearing, held on 13.10.2021, Sh. Supinder Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer has made an oral-submission that the works relates to town Mullanpur is attached with office of P.W.S.S.B., Moga Division Jurisdiction and relevant records have shifted in parts from Ludhiana to concerned Moga office.

After considering the oral submission (made by Sh. Supinder Singh), it is found that the explanation given by him is genuine and facts of the instant appeal case deserve reconsideration in the interest of justice.

Taking a lenient view and having made the fair and judicious evaluation of the facts of the instant appeal case, it is found that in this particular case, the reasons given by the respondent concerned is genuine and delay caused by the respondent PIO concerned in the instant appeal case in supplying the information to the appellant, was not due to malafide intention.

In view of all the above, orders dated 02.08.2021, through which penalty was imposed upon the concerned PIO, is withdrawn and the case is announced as disposed of and closed .

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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