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**Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.**



**Sh. Subhash Chander,**  
Street No. 02, Luxmi Nagar, Kapurthala (Punjab)

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Jalandhar at Phillaur,  
District Jalandhar (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Conservator Of Forests, Punjab,  
Bist Circle,  
Old G T Road, Maqsudan, Jalandhar (Punjab)

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 2129 of 2020**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** Advocate, Sh. Pawan Kalia is present on behalf of the Appellant.  
Sh. Harbhajan Singh, Superintendent from O/o DFO Jalandhar is present.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 06.10.2021 vide which the Appellant was directed to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Pawan Kalia states that the information relating to three ranges has been received by them and the information relating to two ranges is pending only.

On the other hand, the Superintendent, Sh. Harbhajan Singh states that the information relating to three ranges i.e. Jalandhar, Phagwara and Ropar has been sent and information relating to two ranges has been left i.e. Kapurthala and Phillaur which would be supplied to the Appellant as it is now ready with them. He further mentions about a letter dated 29.09.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to have a word with Sh. Harbhajan Singh, Superintendent on phone and collect the requisite information from Sh. Harbhajan Singh, Superintendent by next week accordingly.

The Appellant, Sh. Subash Chander is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to **02.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **02.03.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 15.12.2021**

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**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
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**Sh. Munish Kumar, S/o Sh. Dugra Dass,**  
Kabir Colony, Ward No. 08,  
Budhlada, District Mansa (151502)

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner ,(Development),  
Barnala (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner (Development),  
Barnala (Punjab)

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 642 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** Sh. Shinder Pal Goyal is present on behalf of the Appellant.  
Sh. Sanjeev Tayal, District Accountant is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 06.10.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Shinder Pal Goyal states that out of 18 candidates they have received incomplete information relating to 17 candidates and further states that some of candidates are not having experience certificate and other papers. He further mentions about a letter dated 05.08.2021 which has been sent to the Commission from the Appellant relating to this case, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the District Accountant, Sh. Sanjeev Tayal states that the requisite information comprising of 34 pages have already been sent to the Appellant and further mentions about an email dated 10.12.2021 vide which a copy of postal receipts dated 10.12.2021 along with copy of letter dated 09.12.2021 is attached which is taken on record.

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information, and point out deficiencies in written **(pointwise and particularly)**, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

Also, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the remaining information (after removing the deficiencies if pointed out by the Appellant to their department well in time) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied again to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

**This case is adjourned to 02.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 02.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Sh. Subhash Chander,**  
Street No. 02, Luxmi Nagar, Kapurthala (Punjab)

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
P.W.D Officer, Cantt. Road,  
Jalandhar Cantt., Jalandhar (144008)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
P.W.D Officer, Cantt. Road,  
Jalandhar Cantt., Jalandhar (144008)

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 1293 of 2020**  
**{ Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** Advocate, Sh. Pawan Kalia is present on behalf of the Appellant.  
Sh. Mannu Sahota, Junior Engineer from Department is present.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 06.10.2021 vide which the Respondent / PIO concerned was directed to supply the information to the Appellant after removing the deficiencies..

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Pawan Kalia states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the Junior Engineer, Mannu Sahota states that the NOC vide dated 21.09.2020 along with letter number 1184 dated 21.09.2020 has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 14.12.2021.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the information to the Appellant by registered post or email **within 2 weeks** positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, **the Appellant, Sh. Subash Chander is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies (pointwise) in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

This case is adjourned to 02.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 02.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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**Sh. Charan Dass,**  
S/o Jagdish Chand,  
Village Fatehpur, P.O. Vajidpur,  
Tehsil and District Patiala (Punjab)

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Head Teacher,  
Govt. Elementary School,  
Fatehpur,  
Block Patiala -3 (Punjab)

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,  
Patiala -3 (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The District Education Officer,  
Patiala (Punjab)

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 3068 of 2021**  
**{ Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Charan Dass is absent.  
Ms. Vishavdeep Kaur, Head Teacher is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 11.10.2021 vide which the Appellant, Sh. Charan Dass was directed to visit the concerned office on 15.11.2021 at 11.00 A.M. for collecting the record after inspecting the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Charan Dass is absent.

On the other hand, the Head Teacher, Ms. Vishavdeep Kaur states that the information has been sent to the Appellant as well as to the Commission vide dated 01.10.2021, which is taken on record.

In view of above, the PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts along with cover letter of supplied information to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the Appellant and **the Appellant, Sh. Charan Dass is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies (pointwise) in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

This case is adjourned to **02.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **02.03.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta (Advocate),**  
8/ 237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur, District Ludhiana (141101)

V/s.

**Appellant**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
To Government of Punjab,  
Department of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 03, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

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

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 687 of 2021**

**{ Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta present.  
Sh. Ashish Kumar, PIO, LG – III Branch along with Sh. Raminder, APIO –cum- Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 13.10.2021 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to send information / reply to first ten complaints only (filed through RTI request) to him by registered post or through email.

**In today's hearing, both the parties are present in the Commission.**

The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that information relating to first ten complaints has been discussed in an another case i.e. AC : 686 / 2021 which has already been heard today by the undersigned and further request the Court for information relating to his next ten complaints. He further states that an email relating to next ten complaints have already been sent to the department concerned as well as to the Commission. He further mentions about an email dated 11.12.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the PIO, Sh. Ashish Kumar shows same reply as submitted in the another / previous case i.e. AC: 686 / 2021, which has been heard by the undersigned today.

After going through the previous order of the Commission dated 13.10.2021 of this present case it has been observed that the PIO concerned was directed to supply the information relating to first ten complaints in this present case i.e. AC: 687 / 2021 and the same order i.e. information relating to first ten complaints have to be given by the PIO concerned in another case i.e. AC: 686 / 2021 as well, which has been already been discussed and supplied to the Appellant today.

In view of above, it has been observed that due to clerical mistake "it has been written first ten complaints" instead of "next ten complaints in this present case i.e. AC:687 / 21 apart from mentioned complaints in another case i.e. AC: 686 /2021". So, the PIO concerned is directed to supply the information ( i.e. next ten complaints apart from mentioned complaints in AC: 686 /2021 and the same has been conveyed to the department by the Appellant through email) to the Appellant by registered post or email **within 4 weeks** positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

**The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.**



**Appeal Case No. 687 of 2021**  
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The Appellant, **Sh. Rakesh Kumar** is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and **point out deficiencies (pointwise) in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.**

**Both the parties agrees to this above said order.**

**This case is adjourned to 02.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 02.03.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Satish Kumar**, S/o Sh. Des Raj,  
Village -Badal, PO Badal, Tehsil Malout,  
District Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)

**Complainant**

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**,  
O/o The Principal,  
Rural Institute for Vocational Training,  
Badal (Malout),  
District Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)

**Respondent**

**Complaint Case No. 1005 of 2021**

**{ Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Satish Kumar is present.  
Sh. Parampal Singh, Principal is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 13.10.2021 vide which the PIO concerned was directed to send information / reply to the Complainant and further PIO was directed to deposit the penalty amount of Rs. 5,000/- to the Government Treasury which was imposed on the concerned PIO on 13.10.2021.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Satish Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the Principal, Sh. Parampal Singh mentions about an email dated 15.12.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and further requests the Court for Physical Hearing so that he could explain his side of facts before the Commission before depositing the penalty to the Government Treasury.

After discussing the same with the parties, the PIO is directed to bring the information to the Commission on the next date of hearing positively.

**In view of above all the concerned parties / persons are directed to appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case.**

The concerned PIO is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to the RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO and on the next date of hearing, the Principal, Sh. Parampal Singh should also explain to the Court that why the penalty amount of Rs 5,000/- (which was imposed on 13.10.2021) to the concerned PIO has not been deposited to the Government Treasury till date.

The Complainant is also directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case on the next date of hearing, failing which it would be presumed that the Complainant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **02.03.2022 at 11:30 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **02.03.2022** which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector -16, Chandigarh.

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Dated: 15.12.2021

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