



Harjit Singh Dhillon S/o Late Sh. Gurbaksh Singh,
H. No. 4072, Street No. 03,
Gobind Colony, Jamalpur,
Ludhiana - 141015(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. 1238 of 2021

Present : Sh. Harjit Singh Dhillon, the appellant in person.
Sh. Balwinder Pal, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO, LG-1 Branch, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.12.2019. First appeal is dated 09.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.05.2021,

- i) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- iii) **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.**

Sh. Balwinder Pal, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO, LG-1 Branch, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 927 dated 16.08.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 928 dated 16.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Harjit Singh Dhillon, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-mentioned information till date.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant vide letter dated 16.08.2021 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

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 16.08.2021 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.

The case is **adjourned to 8th November, 2021 (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.

Date : 16th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Bhajan Dass S/o Sh. Goma Ram,
V.P.O. – Bhagwanpura,
Malout - 152107(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1255 of 2021

Present : Sh. Vikul Suri, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Abhijit Singh, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 23.10.2020. First appeal is dated 22.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.05.2021,

- i) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- iii) 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.

Sh. Vikul Suri, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant in today's hearing, states that he has not received any information till date in the instant appeal case.

Sh. Abhijit Singh, Junior Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information demanded through RTI request relates with Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee, Bhagwanpura and the appellant was intimated about this fact through a reply vide letter no. 180 dated 02.03.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 3766 dated 22.07.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

As the RTI request of the appellant should have been transferred to the concerned office within stipulated time under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act and as the proper procedure was not followed by the respondent party, accordingly, the Public Information Officer office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division is directed either to supply the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, after collecting the same from the concerned office i. e. Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee, Bhagwanpura or if any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send a proper written reply under his signatures in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

He (respondent-PIO concerned) is also directed to represent this case in person or on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 8th November, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Charanjit Singh,
H. No. B-5-392,
Ramgarhia Gurudwara Road,
Barnala (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
P. W. D. (Central Works Division),
Sangrur at Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P. W. D. (National Highways Circle,
Sector 17, 17-Bays Building, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1862 of 2020

Present : Sh. Charanjit Singh, 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 02.10.2019. First appeal is dated 31.01.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.07.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.05.2021,

- i) Sh. Narinder Pal Singh, Executive Engineer, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant stated that he had not received the information as per queries raised by him through RTI request.
- iii) The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 25.05.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information and collect the same.
- iv) The respondent PIO was directed to supply the information, which would be identified by the appellant, to him during his visit to respondent's office.
- v) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the remaining information 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 respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1794 dated 10.08.2021 signed by the Executive Engineer, P. W. D. (Central Works Division), Sangrur at Patiala, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 18004 dated 13.08.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant and point-wise reply has also been sent to the Commission. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO through a reply dated 16.08.2021 signed by The Executive Engineer, P. W. D. (Central Works Division), Sangrur at Patiala, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Charanjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information given to him by the respondent PIO is not satisfactory, moreover, not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

Nevertheless, both the parties (appellant and respondent PIO concerned) are directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing positively fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

An opportunity is also 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 to the Commission on the next date of hearing fixed.

The case is adjourned to 19.08.2021 at 11:30 A. M. 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.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sanjeev Goyal
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
H. No. 148, Model Town,
Phase – 1, Bathinda - 151001 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The General Manager,
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation,
Bathinda (Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Bathinda(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 27 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Goyal , the complainant in person.
I) Sh. Raman Sharma, General Manager O/o PRTC, Bathinda ;
II) Sh. Sita Ram, Superintendent O/o PRTC, Bathinda;
III) Sh. Gurmel Singh, Senior Assistant O/o PRTC, Bathinda;
IV) Sh. Davinder Jaura, Executive Engineer O/o Municipal Corporation,
Bathinda, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 15.02.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.05.2021,

- i) The complainant stated that incomplete information was given to him by the respondent PIO office of General Manager, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Bathinda.
- ii) None was present from office of General Manager, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Bathinda .
- iii) Last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned of office of General Manager, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Bathinda, to supply the legible and certified copies of the required information, to the complainant with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was also given to the complainant 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 well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- v) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 01.03.2021 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 10,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government and a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission.

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i) Sh. Raman Sharma, General Manager ; ii) Sh. Sita Ram. Superintendent and
iii) Sh. Gurmel Singh, Senior Assistant, appeared from office of PRTC, Bathinda and Sh. Davinder Jaura, Executive Engineer appeared from office Municipal Corporation, Bathinda, in today's hearing, state that the required has already been given to the appellant.

The complainant, Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received complete information from the respondent till date.

Heard the parties.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of respondent PIO concerned today itself on 16.08.2021 at 03:00 P. M. and take certified copies of the requisite information.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to supply the legible and certified copies of the required information to the appellant during his visit to office on 16.08.2021 at 03:00 P. M .

The time of visit to the office of the respondent has been announced to both the parties in the open court and both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today .

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO, 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.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the orders dated 01.03.2021 passed by the Commission, through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 01.03.2021 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 10,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government by the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The amount of penalty to be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Had	.. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Subj-Major Head	.. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head	.. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head	.. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head	.. 0070 Other Administrative Services
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to Commission by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 8th November, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 16th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Nitin Kumar Garg
C/o Police Public Dairy,
15-A, Shastri Nagar,
Model Town, Ludhiana(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board Division,
Kapurthala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer(North),
Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector 65-A, Mandi Bhawan, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2433 of 2020

Present : Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, the appellant in person.
Sh. Balvir Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 28.02.2020. First appeal is dated 01.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.09.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.05.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Balvir Singh, Superintendent, stated that whatever information is available in the official record, was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant stated that he had pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information vide letter dated 01.03.2021.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a reply, in writing, specifically mentioning that available information regarding works-order has been given to the appellant and no other list of 'works-order done' apart from already given list, is available in the official record, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission

Sh. Balvir Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that whatever information is available in the official record, has been supplied to the appellant. He also states that a reply has also been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 150 dated 20.05.2021, intimating him that two Sub-divisions i. e. Kapurthala and Hoshiarpur comes under Executive Engineer, Punjab Mandi Board Division , Kapurthala and a reply has already been sent vide letter no. 836 dated 15.04.2021. The above-said replies are placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received information regarding list of 'works-order done' as pointed out by him on the last date of hearing held in this case.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a written reply to the appellant, specifically mentioning that available information regarding works-order has been given to the appellant and no other list of 'works-order done' apart from already given list, is available in the official record. He is also directed to send a copy of the same to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 8th November, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 16th August, 2021

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Lakhvir Kumar S/o Sh. Jaspal Ram,
Village – Gandhwa,
Tehsil – Phagwara,
Distt. - Kapurthala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board,
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector 65-A, Mandi Bhawan,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2851 of 2020

Present : Sh. Lakhvir Kumar, 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 01.07.2020. First appeal is dated 07.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.09.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.05.2021,

- i) The appellant, Sh. Lakhvir Kumar stated that no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.
- ii) Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Senior Assistant, stated that the requisite information could not be supplied to the appellant as required fee for getting certified copies of the required information was not deposited by the appellant, which was demanded from him vide letter dated 09.07.2020.
- iii) As the RTI request was dated 01.07.2020 and required fee was demanded on 09.07.2020 from the appellant, which is within the stipulated time as per rule 4 of Punjab Right to Information Rules, hence, the appellant was advised to deposit the required fee to the office of respondent PIO concerned and take certified copies of the requisite information on 03.06.2021 at 11:00 A. M.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant during his visit to office after receiving the required fee from him.
- 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 PIO concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Lakhvir Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent and he met with Sh. Cheema, Executive Engineer and Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Senior Assistant but neither official-record was presented to him for inspection nor any information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

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Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to deposit the required fee to the office of respondent PIO concerned and take certified copies of the requisite information on 10.09.2021 at 11:00 A. M.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant during his visit to office on 10.09.2021 at 11:00 A. M., after receiving the required fee from him. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO. He is 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 PIO concerned.

The case is adjourned to 8th November, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner
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Lakhvir Kumar S/o Sh. Jaspal Ram,
Village – Gandhwa,
Tehsil – Phagwara,
Distt. - Kapurthala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board,
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector 65-A, Mandi Bhawan,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2852 of 2020

Present : Sh. Lakhvir Kumar, the appellant in person.
Sh. Amritpal Singh, S. D. O., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 01.07.2020. First appeal is dated 07.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.09.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.05.2021,

- i) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request through registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) 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 PIO concerned.
- iii) The appellant stated that he has deposited the required fee of Rs. 4330/- in the instant appeal-case, even then no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- iv) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present. He had neither sent any intimation regarding his non-availability nor sent any document, showing that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant. Accordingly, a penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon the concerned PIO for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker

Sh. Amritpal Singh, S. D. O., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, complete information has been given to the appellant in person on 13.08.2021, appended to which is a note dated 13.08.2021 signed by the appellant as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information, through which he claimed that he is satisfied with the information supplied and asked for filing of his case. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Lakhvir Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he received the requisite information.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the orders dated 24.05.2021 passed by the Commission, through which a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon concerned PIO.

As far as information is concerned that has been supplied in this case.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 24.05.2021 passed by the Commission by depositing the penalty amount in the Treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services

Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services

Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts

Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services

60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-

86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by or on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 23rd August, 2021 (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.

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