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

Tirlochan Singh, H. No. 848, A, M.I.G., Jamalpur Colony, Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

stt. - Ludniana(Punjab) V/s

....Appellant

i) Public Information Officer,
 O/o The Principal Secretary
 to Govt. of Punjab,
 Deptt. of Transport Pb. Mini Sectt.,
 Sector 9, Chandigarh

ii) Public Information Officer,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

Encl:RTI request Sector 17-C, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Govt. of Punjab,
Deptt of Transport Db Mini S

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

Deptt. of Transport Pb. Mini Sectt.,

Sector 9, Chandigarh ... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 738 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 29.10.2019. First appeal is dated 04.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.02.2020.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Tirlochan Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

After examining the case-file, it emerges that the respondent PIO has sent a reply vide letter no. 1232 dated 05.11.2020, signed by Superintendent-cum-Public Information Officer office of Transport Department – 2 Branch, showing that RTI request dated 29.10.2019 of the appellant has been transferred to Public Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act. It is taken on record.

As the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, hence, Public Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him 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 through RTI request with a copy to Commission and to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

The case is <u>adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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**Encl:RTI request** 

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Gurmail Singh S/o Sh. Puran Singh, Village – Jida,

District - Bathinda (Punjab)

...Appellant

- i) Public Information Officer
   O/o The Managing Director,
   Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd.,
   Sector 28-A, Chandigarh (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer
  O/o The Managing Director,
  Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd.,
  Gali No. 04, Backside Bus Stand,
  Opposite Dr. Sharda Hospital,
  SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Managing Director, Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd., Sector 28-A. Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 481 of 2020

Present: Sh. Gurmail Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

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

V/s

The RTI request is dated 03.10.2019. First appeal is dated 04.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.09.2020, Sh. Amandeep Singh, District Manager, stated that in response to the RTI request the requisite information was supplied to the appellant. As the appellant was absent, another opportunity was given to the appellant 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 appellant, Sh. Gurmail Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has already pointed out deficiencies to the concerned PIO, which have not been removed till date.

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. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the remaining information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 23.09.2020.

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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 Managing Director, Punjab Agro Industries Corporation

Ltd., SriMuktsar Sahib, 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.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address 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.

The case is adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date: 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

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S.C.F. – 221, Phase – 1, Urban Estate, Dugri,

Basant Avenue, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, (By Name) O/o The D. G. M.(Admin.), Punjab Mandi Board, Sector 65-A, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Joint Director.(Admin.), Punjab Mandi Board,

Sector 65-A, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 694 of 2020

Present: Sh. Akash Yadav, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.

i) Ms. Jasvinder Kaur, Superintendent;

ii) Ms. Jasvir Kaur, District Management Officer(Estate Branch), for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 10.09.2019. First appeal is dated 04.10.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.09.2020, last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the required information, to the appellant on 28.09.2020 at 11:00 A. M.

Ms. Jasvinder Kaur, Superintendent and Ms. Jasvir Kaur, District Management Officer (Estate Branch), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, state that remaining information was supplied to the appellant after inspection.

Sh. Akash Yadav, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant,

Sh. Harminder Singh, in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him and through a letter, deficiencies were pointed out to the respondent PIO.

Nevertheless, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant or his representative to inspect the relevant official record on 23.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the required information. The appellant or his representative is also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 23.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M to identify the information.

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

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him as by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant 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.

The case is <u>adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Jasbir Singh,

Village - Bholapur Jhabewal,

P. O. -Ramgarh,

Distt. – Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Chairman, Punjab State Road Safety Council, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Chairman, Punjab State Road Safety Council, Chandigarh

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 379 of 2020

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

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

The RTI request is dated 23.09.2019. First appeal is dated 11.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.09.2020, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was also given to the appellant 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.

Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant through an e-mail vide letter dated 19.10.2020. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 23653 dated 19.10.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

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

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to represent this case in person or through his representative, on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' positively so that facts of this could be cleared.

The case is <u>adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Anil Kumar

S/o Sh. Walaiti Ram, 'Gulati General Storte', Dhobian Wali Gali, Subash Bazar, KHANNA, Distt. – Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, (By Name) O/o The Executive Officer. Nagar Council, Khanna, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 139 of 2020

Present: None on behalf of 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 19.08.2019. First appeal is dated 17.10.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.09.2020, Sh. Jaswant Singh, Junior

Engineer, appeared for the respondent PIO and stated that the information regarding correction in the 'residential map' is under process as public dealing is rare due to COVID-19. Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information to the appellant by registered post with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has

received the information or not.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Anil Kumar nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative, on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Ramesh Kumar Gupta(Inspector Retd) 498/15, Backside Head Office Colony, Main Gali, Gurdaspur (Punjab)



...Appellant

Public Information Officer, (By Name) O/o The Executive officer, Nagar Council, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 687 of 2020

Present: Sh. Ramesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 08.10.2018. First appeal is dated 28.11.2018. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.02.2019.

V/s

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.09.2020, last and final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to file a written-reply, mentioning that the requisite information in connection with point no. 02 of the RTI request (regarding service book) is not in office-record and has gone missing and also directed to submit a copy of FIR, if any, lodged for missing of office-record. He was also directed to comply with the order dated 15.07.2020 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 5,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government and a compensation of Rs. 5000/- was also awarded to the appellant.

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

Neither the respondent nor his representative is present in today's hearing. He has neither sent any intimation regarding his non-availability nor sent any document, which shows that the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon him vide order dated 15.07.2020, has been deposited. He has also not sent any document, which shows that order dated 23.09.2020, through which compensation amount of Rs. 5000/- was awarded to the appellant, has been complied. Moreover, neither a written-reply, in connection with point no. 02 of the RTI request (regarding service book) is given to the appellant nor a copy of FIR, if any, lodged for missing of office-record, is submitted in the Commission.

Accordingly, taking a serious view and after seeing the conduct of the concerned respondent PIO, the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- is enhanced by Rs. 5000/- i. e. from Rs. 5000/- to Rs.10000/- (penalty already imposed Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 15.07.2020) + enhanced (announced today) Rs. 5000/- = Rs. 10,000/-)

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The respondent PIO is also directed to send a copy of challan receipt, showing that penalty amount is deposited and a copy of cheque/Demand Draft, showing that compensation has been paid to the appellant, to the Commission by the next date of hearing to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

Final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to file a writtenreply, stating that the requisite information in connection with point no. 02 of the RTI request (regarding service book) is not in office-record and has gone missing. He/she is also directed to submit a copy of FIR, if any, lodged for missing of office-record.

A copy of this order alongwith copy of orders dated 15.07.2020 and 23.09.2020 be sent to Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Amritsar, to ensure the compliance of the above announced order under intimation to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Punjab

(Regd. Post)

The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Amritsar (Punjab)

Encl : orders dated <u>15.07.2020</u> and <u>23.09.2020</u>



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H. S. Hundal, Advocate, Chamber No. 203,

Judicial Courts, Sector 76,

S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) - 160071 (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer. O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 409 of 2020

Sh. H. S. Hundal, Advocate, the appellant in person. Present:

Sh. Shyam Lal Sharma, Asstt. Transport Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

V/s

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 31.10.2019. First appeal is dated 01.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.09.2020, the respondent PIO was directed to file a reply, in writing, as status report to the queries raised by the appellant through the RTI request and a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Shyam Lal Sharma, Asstt. Transport Officer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 15.12.2020 and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 6265 dated 15.12.2020. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. H. S. Hundal, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the reply is not as per queries, raised by him through RTI request.

The respondent-PIO is directed to file a point wise reply to each and every raised by the appellant through his RTI request as per official record to the appellant by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO to file a reply to the show cause issued to him vide orders dated 23.09.2020 by the next date of hearing, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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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,

(Regd. Post) O/o The Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Jagraon, District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2608 of 2020

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 04.07.2019. 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 03.11.2020, last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply complete information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information from the respondent PIO or not.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that complete information has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 03.11.2020.

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Accordingly, for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/-(Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited 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 submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply complete information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information from the respondent PIO or not.

The case is <u>adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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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, Jagraon,

District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3450 of 2020

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 04.07.2019. 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 03.11.2020, last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply complete information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information from the respondent PIO or not.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that complete information has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 03.11.2020.

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Accordingly, for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/-(Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited 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 submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply complete information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information from the respondent PIO or not.

The case is <u>adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o The Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Jagraon, District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3451 of 2020

Present: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 04.07.2019. 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 03.11.2020, last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply complete information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information from the respondent PIO or not.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that complete information has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 03.11.2020.

Accordingly, for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/-(Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited 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 submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply complete information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information from the respondent PIO or not.

The case is <u>adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Distt. – Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab) V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Managing Director, Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited., Sector 28-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Managing Director, Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited., Sector 28-A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

...Appellant

Appeal Case No. 912 of 2020

Present: Sh. Jograj Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Chetan Kaushik, Senior Manager, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 04.11.2019. First appeal is dated 15.01.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.02.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Jograj Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Chetan Kaushik, Senior Manager, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request is forty eight years old and not found available in the office.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to send a reply, under signatures of the concerned PIO, to the query/queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request, to the appellant as well as to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 State Information Commissioner
Punjab