PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH PSIC Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120 Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab Bhajan Dass S/o Sh. Goma Ram, V.P.O. – Bhagwanpura, Malout - 152107(Punjab)Appellant V/s (Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer, O/o The Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee, Bhagwanpura, Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab) ii) **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 Puri, Advocate, 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 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 08.11.2021, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO 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 (as intimated on the earlier hearing held on 16.08.2021) 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

Sh. Vikul Puri, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant in today's hearing,

states that the appellant has not received any information till date in the instant appeal case.

Neither the respondent PIO office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply &

Sanitation Division, Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib, nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the required

information is to be supplied by the office of Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Bhagwanpura, hence, PIO of office of Public Information Officer office of Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Bhagwanpura 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 by him in his RTI request, by the next date of hearing. He is directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>.

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.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that in the instant appeal-case, vide orders dated 08.11.2021, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon the concerned PIO office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib. As the required information does not relate with office of Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Malout and relates with office of Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Bhagwanpura, hence the orders dated 08.11.2021 passed by the Commission through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed, <u>is withdrawn</u>.

A copy of this order be sent to Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Malout, Distt. - SriMuktsar Sahib and District Development and Panchayat Officer, SriMuktsar Sahib <u>through registered post alongwith earlier order dated 08.11.2021</u> to ensure compliance of the above-announced order and also ensure presence of any of official of his office as a representative to represent this case on the next date of hearing fixed <u>through facility of</u> <u>Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared.</u>

A copy of this order be sent to PIO office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Malout for intimation.

The case is <u>adjourned to 18th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Date : 17 th January, 2022		(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissi Punjab
(Regd. Post)	i)	The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Malout, Distt SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)
Encl : order dated 08.11	<u>.2021</u>	
(Regd. Post)	ii)	The District Development and Panchayat Officer, SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)
Encl : order dated 08.11	.2021	

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Lacchman Singh, 2773, Phase – 2, Urban Estate, Patiala (Punjab)

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Public Information Officer, O/o The Block Primary Education Officer, Block Bhunerhari – 2, Patiala(Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1058 of 2021

V/s

Present :	Sh. Lacchman Singh, the appellant in person.
	Ms. Neeru Bala, Block Primary Education Officer, Block Bhunerhari, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 19.10.2020. First appeal is dated 10.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.02.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.11.2021 ;Ms. Neeru Bala, Block Primary Education Officer, stated that the requisite information

- was sent to the appellant through registered post on 09.09.2021.
- ii) The appellant through a letter dated 13.09.2021 had intimated the Commission that incomplete information was given to him by the respondent PIO.
- iii) An 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 by the next date of hearing.

Ms. Neeru Bala, Block Primary Education Officer, Block Bhunerhari, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information has already been supplied to appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Lacchman Singh , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 04 of the RTI request i. e. copy of office letter no. 17262 dated 15.01.2020 is not given.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO has only sent a copy of forwarding page of reply dated 09.09.2021 (through which information supplied) but no enclosures (copy of information supplied) are attached with it.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the requisite information (alongwith enclosure including office letter no. 17262 dated 15.01.2020) to the Commission and a reply stating that no other notice (other than notice issued on 15.01.2020) has been issued in the name of the appellant. He/she is also directed to send the same to the appellant by the next date of hearing positively.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be sent by the concerned PIO) or not.

The case is <u>adjourned to 19th April, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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	– 144022 (Punjab)	Appellant
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O/o The Ex Punjab Wa	rmation Officer, ecutive Engineer, ter Supply And Sewerage Board, o1, Jalandhar (Punjab)	
O/o The Su Punjab Wa	late Authority, iperintending Engineer, ter Supply And Sewerage Board, n,Mall Road, Manbro Chowk, (Punjab)	Respondents
	Appeal Case No. 1398 of 202	<u>21</u>
Present :	None on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Balraj, S. D. O., in person.	
<u>ORDER</u>	Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO We	bex Meetings'.
	The RTI request is dated 03.12.2020. First appeal is dated	28.01.2021. Second
appeal has	been received in the Commission on 16.03.2021.	
	On the last date of hearing, held on 08.11.2021;	
i)	The appellant stated that information at point no. 02 of the	RTI request was not given
	to him by the respondent PIO.	
ii)	Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned	I to supply the certified
	copies of the remaining information at point no. 02 of the R	TI request to the appellant
	through registered post or through an e-mail with a copy to the	the Commission.
iii)	A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI A	Act was issued to Public
	Information Officer concerned under the provisions of the RT	<u> 71 Act, 2005.</u>
	Sh. Balraj, S. D. O., who appeared in person in today's he	earing, states that the
requisite ir	formation at point no. 02 of the RTI request has already been	n supplied to the appellant
vide letter	no. 2277 dated 02.06.2021 in person and again sent vi	ide letter no. 5223 dated
24 12 2021	through registered post. He also intimates the Commission	that a renly has also been

24.12.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 5224 dated 24.12.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 29144 dated 30.12.2021. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Surat Chander through a letter dated 04.01.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail , has intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 02 of the RTI request (which is regarding copy of restrictions and guidelines imposed by Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar or any local and State Authority for not providing the sewerage facility of any disputed or legal case pending in any court of Village Alipur Jalandhar) has not been given to him. It is taken on record.

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Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the above-mentioned reply (given vide letter no. 5223 dated 24.12.2021) again to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

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An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he 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 well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is <u>adjourned to 19th April, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 17th January, 2022

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The appellant, Sh. Surat Chander, who appeared in person, after the hearing of the instant appeal-case was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands <u>adjourned to 19th April, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120 Email: <u>psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in</u> Visit us - <u>www.infocommpunjab.com</u>



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V.P.O. – Gige Majr	•	• • •
Teh. & Distt. Moha	li - 140307(Punjab)	Appellant
	V/s	
i) (Regd. Post)	Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Division – 3, S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)	
ii) (Regd. Post)	Public Information Officer, O/o The Chairman, Gram Panchayat Water Supply and Sanitation Committee, Gige Majra,	
Encl : RTI Request order dated 15.11.2021	S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)	

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Division – 3, S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1203 of 2021

Present : Sh. Sewa Singh, the appellant in person. Ms. Simran Kaur, Sub Divisional Engineer, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 07.09.2017. First appeal is dated 15.02.2018. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.11.2021 ;

- Last opportunity is given to the Public Information Officer/Chairman, Gram Panchayat Water Supply and Sanitation Committee, Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the queries raised at point no. 06, 07 and 08 of the RTI request, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) The Public Information Officer office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Division – 3, S. A. S. Nagar was also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the fixed date for hearing.
- An opportunity was given to the appellant to represent this case in person or through his representative on the fixed date for hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Sewa Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing states that information at point no. 06, 07 and 08 has not been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Ms. Simran Kaur, Sub Divisional Engineer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that available information has already been supplied to the appellant and information at point no. 06, 07 and 08 relates with office of Chairman, Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar.

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Neither the respondent PIO office of Chairman, Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar 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 the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 15.11.2021.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO office of Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar to supply the certified copies of the 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.

A copy of this order alongwith order dated 15.11.2021 be sent to Block Development and Panchayat Officer, S. A. S. Nagar and District Development and Panchayat Officer, S. A. S. Nagar <u>through registered post alongwith order dated 15.11.2021</u>, to ensure compliance of the above-announced order.

The case is <u>adjourned to 18th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Date : 17th January, 2022

(Regd. Post) i) The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab) Encl : order dated 15.11.2021

(Regd. Post) ii) The District Development and Panchayat Officer, S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

Encl : order dated 15.11.2021

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Manjit Singh S/o Sh. Santa Singh, H. No. 10330, Street No. 03, Narang Colony, Near Gurmukh Dholi, SriMuktsar Sahib - 152026 (Punjab)

V/s

(Regd. Post) (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Division No. -1, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Circle, Circle Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2019 of 2021

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh , 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 28.01.2021. First appeal is dated 12.03.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.04.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 10.11.2021;

- i) Sh. Rajeev Kapoor, Executive Engineer, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 5252 dated 27.09.2021.
- ii) The appellant was not present.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information (which was supplied vide letter dated 27.09.2021 by respondent PIO) or not. He was 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 concerned or the case would be decided on merits.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 01 and 02 of the RTI request is still pending. He also intimates that he has pointed out certain deficiencies vide letter dated 10.11.2021 to the respondent PIO and a letter dated 02.12.2021 has also been sent to the Commission, appended to which is a letter dated 10.11.2021 (through which deficiencies have been pointed out), which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 27178 dated 03.12.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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

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After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that in reply to the show-cause (issued vide orders dated 25.08.20021 by the Commission), the respondent PIO has sent a reply vide letter no. 5703 dated 18.10.2021 signed by Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Division No. -1, Patiala, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 26190 dated 22.11.2021, intimating the Commission that he has joined the office few months back and due to shortage of staff and second wave of COVID-19, summons issued by the Commission could not replied, moreover, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 5252 dated 27.09.2021. It is taken on record.

During the proceeding of the hearing, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record to identify the required information but the appellant refuses to visit the office of the respondent.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 21.02.2022 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information but the appellant refuses to visit the office of the respondent.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 21.02.2022 at 11:00 A. M. so that information 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) with a copy to the Commission. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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 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.

Another opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO</u> <u>Webex Meetings'</u>

The case is <u>adjourned to 19th April, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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<u>ORDER</u>		· •	
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	The RTI request is dated 21.04.2	021. First appeal is dated	d 28.05.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.07.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.11.2021;

- i) The appellant was not present.
- ii) Sh. Hemant Kumar, Junior Engineer, stated that the information demanded by the appellant is available on official website.
- iii) 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 was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 15.12.2021 at 12:00 noon and to supply the certified copies of the information to the appellant after inspection, under intimation to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was 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.

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

Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the appellant has inspected the relevant information available on website, hence, seeks an adjournment in this case so that certified copies of the information could be supplied to him (the appellant).

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Nevertheless, 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. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 19th April, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Kailash Bassi,

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

V/s

....Appellant

- (Regd.Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Division, Hoshiarpur (Punjab)
- (Regd.Post) First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Division, Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3420 of 2021

- Present : Sh Kailash Bassi, 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 11.03.2021. First appeal is dated 27.04.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.07.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.11.2021 ;

- i) Another opportunity was 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.
- 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) <u>A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public</u> Information Officer concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The appellant, Sh. Kailash Bassi, who appeared in person in today's hearing,

states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date. He also intimates the Commission that in the instant appeal-case First Appellate Authority is Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Division, Jalandhar not Hoshiarpur. After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it is found that First appeal of the appellant is addressed to Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Division but he has not mentioned the District concerned.

Nevertheless, a copy of this order be sent through registered post in the name of First Appellate Authority office of Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Division, Jalandhar instead of Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Division, Hopshiarpur for further hearing/hearings of this case.

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After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 15.11.2021 with the directions to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even directions were given vide order dated 15.11.2021, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the informationseeker 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 Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Division, Hoshiarpur. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered</u> <u>post.</u>

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government

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	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.

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 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.

A copy of this order alongwith order dated 15.11.2021 be sent to Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Division, Jalandhar, through registered post alongwith order dated 15.11.2021, to ensure compliance of the above-announced order.

The case is <u>adjourned to 19th April, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date: 17th January, 2022

(Regd. Post) The Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Circle, Jalandhar (Punjab) Encl : order dated 15.11.2021 (Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 17.01.2022 at 02:00 P. M. to collect the information and point out deficiencies, if any, in writing, to the respondent PIO 'on the spot so that the same could be removed'.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant during his visit to the office on 17.01.2022 at 02:00 P. M. and supply the required information to the appellant .

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 or not.

The date and time of visit of the appellant in the office of the respondent to collect the information has been announced to the parties during the proceedings of the instant appealcase.

If the appellant or his representative would not visit the office of the respondent on the date 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 <u>adjourned to 19th April, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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

V/s

....Appellant

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 - 2, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3461 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Thakur, the appellant in person.

Sh. Sham Singh, S. D. O., on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.11.2021

- i) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4953 dated 22.03.2021 had intimated the Commission that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur through a letter dated 15.11.2021 had intimated the Commission that the required information was not given to him by the respondent PIO.
- iii) As the appellant through his letter dated 15.11.2021, only intimated that required information was not given to him by the respondent PIO but he had not intimated specifically, on which point of his RTI request, the information is yet to be supplied by the respondent.
- iv) An opportunity was 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.

Sh. Sham Singh, S. D. O, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 4953 dated 22.03.2021.

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

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Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 19.01.2022 at 01:00 P. M. to collect the information and point out deficiencies, if any, in writing, to the respondent PIO 'on the spot so that the same could be removed'.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant during his visit to the office on 19.01.2022 at 01:00 P. M. and supply the required information to the appellant .

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 or not.

The date and time of visit of the appellant in the office of the respondent to collect the information has been announced to the parties during the proceedings of the instant appealcase.

If the appellant or his representative would not visit the office of the respondent on the date 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 <u>adjourned to 19th April, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Tejinder Singh, Advocate, Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur - 144410 (Punjab) Point of the Information

....Appellant

- i) 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
- ii) Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

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. 2061 of 2021

V/s

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector (Town Planning Wing) office of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh ;
- ii) Sh. Rohit Thakur, Building Clerk office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, for the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 21.11.2020. First appeal is dated 29.12.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.04.2021.

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

Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector (Town Planning Wing), who appeared on

who appeared on behalf of Chief Town Planner of office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, states available information has already been supplied to the appellant and remaining information is regarding encroachment on a land situated at Sherpur Kalan, Ludhiana, which relates with office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and hence, RTI request of the appellant has been transferred vide letter no. 3676-77 dated 28.12.2020 to Public Information Officer office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act with an intimation to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has already been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2957 dated 25.08.2021 and again sent today itself i. e. 17.11.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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Sh. Rohit Thakur, Building Clerk office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1979 dated 17.11.2021 a copy of the same has been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1980 dated 17.11.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 26470 dated 25.11.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO</u> <u>Webex Meetings' or</u> the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 18th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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....Appellant

Ms. Sheenu W/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar, Flat No. C – 4, Marvel Homes, Barewal Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

First Appellate Authority, **O/o The Chief Town Planner** O/o The Director. Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2082 of 2021

Sh. Amit Kumar on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector (Town Planning Wing) office of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.

ORDER

Present :

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

The RTI request is dated 01.02.2021. First appeal is dated 03.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.04.2021.

Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector (Town Planning Wing), who appeared on behalf of Chief Town Planner of office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, states the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

Sh. Amit Kumar, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Ms. Sheenu in today's hearing, states that information supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO is incomplete as information at point no. 06 of the RTI request is still pending. He also intimates that information supplied to him is not certified and legible, moreover, sent through an e-mail.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the certified copies of the information(already supplied) as per queries raised by him through RTI request, to the appellant through registered post at his residential address and send a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

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

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

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Date : 17th January, 2022

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Jagjit Singh Aman Nagar, Street - 03, Back Side Green Land School, Near Jalandhar Bye Pass, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Appeal Case No. 2206 of 2021

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

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

None on behalf of the appellant. Present : Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell), for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 14.01.2021. First appeal is dated 24.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.05.2021.

Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that for remaining information, a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 36315 dated 03.09.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 36316 dated 03.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 20119 dated 07.09.2021. It is taken on record.

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

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the remaining information/reply (which was sent by respondent PIO on 03.09.2021) or not. 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 concerned by the next date of hearing. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his 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 11th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Jaspal Singh S/o Sh. Avtar Singh, H. No. 1205, Gali No. 08, Hussainpura(East), Amritsar - 143001 (Punjab)

....Appellant

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2478 of 2021

V/s

Present : None on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Balwinder Pal, Senior Assistant (LG-I Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 19.02.2021. First appeal is dated 19.03.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.05.2021. Sh. Balwinder Pal, Senior Assistant (LG-I Branch), who appeared on behalf of the

respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1509 dated 30.11.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1510 dated 30.11.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 27957 dated 14.12.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Sh. Balwinder Pal, also made an oral-submission during the hearing, stating that there is no malafide in supplying the requisite information on the part of the respondent PIO and requested to drop the show-cause issued by the Commission vide orders dated 14.09.2021.

After going through the case-file and the oral submission made by Sh. Balwinder Pal during the proceeding of the hearing and finding that 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 and hence show cause issued to the concerned PIO vide orders dated 14.09.2021 is <u>dropped.</u>

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

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the

information (which was sent by respondent PIO) or not. 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 concerned by the next date of hearing. or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 18th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through</u> <u>facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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