

Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chaddha, (M: 98142-28629) # 30, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar.

.....Appellant.

Public Information Officer, O/ o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Joint Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1642 of 2020

Vs

Present:- Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chaddha, appellant is present. None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

ORDER

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chaddha, appellant filed RTI application dated 02.12.2019 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software. The appellant is present today, whereas none has appeared on behalf of the SPIO. The appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO till today.

The appellant has filed RTI application on 02.12.2019 and till date the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO. The Commission has taken a serious note regarding this. The act of the SPIO shows denial of information and defiance of the provisions of the RTI Act. So, a Show Cause Notice is issued to the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar that why the sought for information has not been provided to the appellant and so why he may not be penalized under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The SPIO is directed that he should file reply to the Show Cause Notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within a week and an opportunity of personal hearing would be afforded to him on the next date of hearing. The SPIO is further directed that the attested copies of complete information/reply, specifically para-wise, regarding para nos. 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the RTI application be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 912442397) on the next date of hearing i.e. 06.05.2021 at 11:30 A.M.

Dated: 17.02.2021

(Preety Chawla) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Note: Shri Dinesh Joshi, APIO-cum-Building Inspector, O/o M.C. Jalandhar informed the Commission telephonically after the hearing that his son is hospitalized, so he was unable to attend the hearing for today.



Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chaddha, (M: 98142-28629) # 30, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar.

.....Appellant.

Public Information Officer, O/ o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Joint Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1647 of 2020

Vs

Present:- Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chaddha, appellant is present. None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

ORDER

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chaddha, appellant filed RTI application dated 06.01.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software. The appellant is present today, whereas none has appeared on behalf of the SPIO. The appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO till today.

The appellant has filed RTI application on 06.01.2020 and till date the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO. The Commission has taken a serious note regarding this. The act of the SPIO shows denial of information and defiance of the provisions of the RTI Act. So, a Show Cause Notice is issued to the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar that why the sought for information has not been provided to the appellant and so why he may not be penalized under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The SPIO is directed that he should file reply to the Show Cause Notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within a week and an opportunity of personal hearing would be afforded to him on the next date of hearing. The SPIO is further directed that the attested copies of complete information/reply, specifically para-wise, be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 912442397) on the next date of hearing i.e. 06.05.2021 at 11:30 A.M.

(Preety Chawla) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Dated: 17.02.2021

Note: Shri Dinesh Joshi, APIO-cum-Building Inspector, O/o M.C. Jalandhar informed the Commission telephonically after the hearing that his son is hospitalized, so he was unable to attend the hearing for today.

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Shri Surat Chander, # 144, Housing Board Colony, Urban Estate 1, Jalandhar.

Vs

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 1974 of 2020

Present:- Shri Surat Chander, appellant is present. Ms. Sushma Duggal, APIO-cum-Building Inspector is present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

ORDER

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Surat Chander, appellant filed RTI application dated 03.02.2020 and sought some information from the PIO, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are present today.

The respondent APIO stated that the information regarding the deficiencies has been sent to the appellant vide letter no.3621/MTP/RTI dated 13.01.2021.

The appellant stated that he has received the information sent by the SPIO, but the information is still incomplete. He further stated that the amount of compensation has yet not been paid to him by the SPIO.

The appellant is directed to submit the list of deficiencies in writing to the notice of the SPIO within 3 days and the SPIO is further directed that the attested copies of information/reply regarding the deficiencies be sent to the appellant along with demand draft of compensation of Rs,2,000/- through registered post within 5 days from the receipt of list of deficiencies. In case any part of information is not available in the record of public authority, then the SPIO should file a duly attested affidavit that this part of information is not available in the records of the public authority and send the original affidavit to the appellant and a copy of the same be sent to the Commission.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 912442397) on the next date of hearing i.e. 06.05.2021 at 11:30 A.M.

(Preety Chawla) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Shri Balwinder Kumar, R/o W.M. 131, Basti Gujja, Jalandhar.



Vs

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1971 of 2020

Present:- Shri Balwinder Kumar, appellant is present. None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Balwinder Kumar, appellant filed RTI application dated 09.12.2019 and sought information from the SPIO, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar regarding complaint no.519/JC/H dated 18.11.2019.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software. The appellant is present today, whereas none has appeared on behalf of the SPIO. The appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO till today.

The appellant has filed RTI application on 09.12.2019 and till date the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO. The Commission has taken a serious note regarding this. The act of the SPIO shows denial of information and defiance of the provisions of the RTI Act. So, a Show Cause Notice is issued to the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar that why the sought for information has not been provided to the appellant and so why he may not be penalized under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The SPIO is directed that he should file reply to the Show Cause Notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within a week and an opportunity of personal hearing would be afforded to him on the next date of hearing. The SPIO is further directed that the attested copies of complete information be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 912442397) on the next date of hearing i.e. 06.05.2021 at 11:30 A.M.

Dated: 17.02.2021

(Preety Chawla) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Note: Shri Dinesh Joshi, APIO-cum-Building Inspector, O/o M.C. Jalandhar informed the Commission telephonically after the hearing that his son is hospitalized, so he was unable to attend the hearing for today.

Shri Naresh Kumar, H.No. NH 318, Neela Mehal, PO New Green Market, New Dana Mandi, Jalandhar. Poic State Mormation

Vs

..... Appellant

.....Respondent

Public Information Officer, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 3044 of 2020

Present:- Shri Naresh Kumar, appellant is present. None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Naresh Kumar, appellant filed RTI application dated 16.07.2020 and sought information from the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar regarding the government houses/quarters allotted to the employees of Municipal Corporation, Jalandahr.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software. Both the parties are absent today and neither any mail has been sent to the Commission by both the parties.

The SPIO was absent on the last date of hearing and today again he is absent and neither he has sent any compliance to the Commission that whether he has sent the information to the appellant or not. The Commission has taken a serious note regarding this. The act of the SPIO shows denial of information and defiance of the provisions of the RTI Act. So, a Show Cause Notice is issued to the SPIO, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar that why the sought for information has not been provided to the appellant and so why he may not be penalized under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The SPIO is directed that he should file reply to the Show Cause Notice in writing and send the same to the Commission within a week and an opportunity of personal hearing would be afforded to him on the next date of hearing. The SPIO is further directed that the attested copies of complete information be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly.

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..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o SMO, Civil Hospital, Samana, Distt. Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Civil Surgeon, Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2021 of 2020

Present:- Shri Gurpiar Singh Bhatti, appellant is present. Dr. Harpreet Singh (98554-25663), SPIO, O/o SMO, Civil Hospital, Samana, Distt. Patiala is present.

Vs

ORDER

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Gurpiar Singh Bhatti, appellant filed RTI application dated 13.02.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o SMO, Civil Hospital, Samana, Distt. Patiala.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are present today.

The SPIO stated that in compliance to the Order dated 17.12.2020 passed by the Commission, the information regarding point no.5 of the RTI application was sent to the appellant on 31.12.2020.

The appellant stated that he has received the information regarding point no.5 of the RTI application, but the information is incomplete.

During the course of hearing the deficiencies in the information regarding point no.5 of the RTI application are thoroughly discussed with both the parties.

The SPIO is directed to co-ordinate with the appellant and provide him the remaining information regarding point no.5 of the RTI application and send compliance to the Commission accordingly.

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh. Ph: 0172-2864119, Email: - psic29@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us: - www.infocommpunjab.com Shri Harinder Pal Singh, S/o Shri Dalbir Singh, R/o H.No. 278, Near Old Talab, Hira Mahal Colony, Nabha.



..... Appellant

Vs

(Regd.) Public Information Officer, O/o E.O., Nagar Council, Nabha.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Regional Deputy Director, Local Govt. Bodies, Patiala.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1972 of 2020

Present:- Shri Harinder Pal Singh, appellant is present. Shri Harmeet Singh, SPIO-cum-E.O., Nagar Council, Nabha is present.

ORDER

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Harinder Pal Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 20.02.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o E.O., Nagar Council, Nabha.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are present today. The SPIO stated that the appellant was asked to deposit the requisite fee of Rs.9600/- with the office of the SPIO vide letter no.686 dated 09.03.2020, but the appellant has not deposited the requisite fee. Then vide Order dated 30.09.2020 passed by the Commission, the appellant was directed to visit the office of the SPIO on 12.10.2020 for inspection of the record, which cannot be inspected due to the retirement of the concerned employees and the record was not handed over to the other employees. The SPIO further stated that he has sent his detailed reply regarding this to the Commission.

Under these circumstances, the SPIO is directed that he should contact the appellant and call him to inspect the concerned record on any working day after the receipt of the Order of the Commission and provide him the attested copies of claimed pages after the payment of Rs.2/- per page by the appellant and send compliance report to the Commission accordingly. The SPIO is further directed that the demand draft of Rs.4,000/- as compensation be also provided to the appellant.

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh. Ph: 0172-2864119, Email: - psic29@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us: - www.infocommpunjab.com Shri Sarabjit Singh Minhas, RTI Activist (M: 98722-58726), H.No. 1375, Gali Chobran Wali, Verka (Amritsar).



..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Secretary, Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o President, Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 699 of 2020

Present:- Shri Sarabjit Singh Minhas, appellant is present. None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar.

ORDER

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Sarabjit Singh Minhas, appellant filed RTI application dated 19.06.2019 and sought information from the SPIO, O/o Secretary, Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar regarding the CCTV Cameras installed in the Gurudwara premises.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

The appellant, Shri Sarabjit Singh Minhas is present today, whereas none has appeared on behalf of the SPIO. The appellant stated that in compliance to the Order dated 17.12.2020 passed by the Commission, he has sent the list of deficiencies to the notice of the SPIO on 23.12.2020 and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission, but till date the information regarding the deficiencies has not been provided to him by the SPIO.

The appellant has sent the list of deficiencies to the notice of the SPIO on 23.12.2020, but the SPIO has not provided him the complete information till date and neither he is present today. The Commission has taken a serious note of this act of the SPIO.

In the interest of justice an opportunity is granted to the SPIO and he is directed that the attested copies of information/reply regarding the deficiencies be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days and compliance be sent to the Commission. In case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission a Show Cause Notice will be issued to the SPIO on the next date of hearing.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 912442397) on the next date of hearing i.e. 28.04.2021 at 11:30 A.M.

(Preety Chawla) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Shri Sandeep Kumar Maluja, S/o Shri Om Parkash, R/o Street No.2, Near Shani Dev Mandir, Patel Nagar, Tehsil Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.



..... Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o District Food and Supply Controller, Mohali.

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 590 of 2020

Present:- Shri Sandeep Kumar Maluja, complainant/applicant is absent. None present on behalf of the SPIO, O/o DFSC, Mohali.

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Sandeep Kumar Maluja, complainant/applicant filed RTI application dated 05.03.2020 and sought information from the SPIO, O/o DFSC, Mohali regarding the allotment of free kerosene oil on the occasion of 550th years of celebration.

Today the case is heard through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.

Both the parties are absent today and neither any mail has been sent by both the parties to the Commission.

The SPIO was absent on the last two hearings and today again he is absent. The Commission has taken a serious note of his absence.

But in the interest of justice, an opportunity is granted to the SPIO, O/o DFSC, Mohali and he is directed that he should file reply to the complaint filed by the complainantapplicant and send the same to the Commission as well as to the complainant/applicant within 10 days. In case of non compliance of the order of the Commission, strict action will be taken against the SPIO under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.



Shri Avtar Singh, S/o Late Shri Daljit Singh, VPO Chuharwali, Distt. Jalandhar.

Vs

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Naib Tehsildar, Adampur, Distt. Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jalandhar-1.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3738 of 2020

Present:- Shri Avtar Singh, appellant is absent. Shri Vikramjit Singh, (79863-92470),Reader to Naib Tehsildar, O/o Naib Tehsildar, Adampur, Distt. Jalandhar is present.

ORDER

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Avtar Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 19.05.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Naib Tehsildar, Adampur, Distt. Jalandhar. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 31.08.2020. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 02.12.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software**.

The appellant is absent today, whereas the respondent has come present and he stated that the point-wise information/reply has been sent to the appellant through registered post vide letter dated 12.06.2020 and a copy of same has also been sent to the Commission.

I have gone through the RTI application dated 19.05.2020 and also gone through the information/reply sent by the SPIO.

But as the appellant is absent today, so the present appeal case is adjourned for further hearing.

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Shri Bhagwant Singh, S/o Shri Joginder Singh, Village Jangpur, Ludhiana.

Vs

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o SSP (Rural), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o IGP, Ludhiana Range, Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3739 of 2020

Present:- Shri Bhagwant Singh, appellant is present. ASI Harpreet Singh (97798-00315), O/o SSP (Rural), Ludhiana is present. O R D E R

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Bhagwant Singh, appellant filed RTI application and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o SSP (Rural), Ludhiana. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 02.12.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

Both the parties are present today. The respondent stated that the information had already been provided to the appellant.

On the other hand the appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO till today.

Under these circumstances, the SPIO is directed that once again the attested copies of sought for information be sent to the appellant through registered post within a week and a copy of the same be sent to the Commission accordingly. IN case of non compliance of the Order of the Commission strict action will be taken against the SPIO under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Shri Manjit Singh, H.No. 36, Phase 3, Urban Estate, Dugri, Ludhiana.



Vs

..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Principal Secretary, Punjab Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Principal Secretary, Punjab Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3763 of 2020

Present:- Shri Manjit Singh, appellant is present. Shri Amarjot Singh, Suptd. (98149-66877) O/o DPI, Punjab is present. O R D E R

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Manjit Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 27.07.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Principal Secretary, Punjab Education Department, Chandigarh. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 28.09.2020. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 02.12.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

Both the parties are present today. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him by the SPIO.

Due to the connectivity issue the respondent could not join the Webex Meeting, so his version was taken telephonically and he requested that the RTI application filed by the appellant may please be provided to him.

So, the appellant is advised that he should provide the copy of his RTI application dated 27.07.2020 to the respondent and intimate the Commission regarding this. The SPIO is further directed that the attested copies of information/reply be sent to the appellant through registered post within 10 days and a copy of the same be sent to the Commission as compliance.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 912442397) on the next date of hearing i.e. 06.05.2021 at 11:30 A.M.

(Preety Chawla) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri J.S. Jaswal (Brig.), Vir Chakra, Sena Medal, Advocate, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chamber No. 101, Punjab Avenue, Ladhewati, Jalandhar.

..... Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3766 of 2020

Present:- Shri J.S. Jaswal (Brig.), appellant is present. ASI Balwinder Kumar (88727-00273), O/o Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar is present.

ORDER

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri J.S. Jaswal (Brig.), appellant filed RTI application dated 18.02.2020 and sought some information from the SPIO, O/o Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar. A reply was sent to him by the SPIO vide letter no.323-D dated 23.05.2020 and the information sought by him was denied U/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. Not satisfied with the reply of the SPIO, the appellant filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 31.05.2020. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 02.12.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

Both the parties are present today. The appellant stated that the sought for information has not been provided to him by the SPIO.

The respondent stated that the appellant sought information regarding Shri Bimal Kant, Inspector (now DSP), which cannot be provided to the appellant U/s 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005. He further stated that the reply regarding this has already been sent to the appellant.

The Commission has received an e-mail sent by the SPIO, which is a copy of letter no.20A-I dated 12.02.2021 along with a copy of letter no.42ACP-I dated 01.09.2020 and a copy of letter no.323-D/RTI dated 23.05.2020.

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The appellant stated that the information is not personal as Shri Bimal Kant, Inspector was suspended from duty for dereliction of duty, with reference to brutal attack on him (the appellant), FIR No.123 dated 30.05.2017.

Under these circumstances, the SPIO is directed that he should personally come present at the Commission along with all the record pertaining to the present RTI application.

Both the parties should personally come present at Commission on the next date of hearing i.e. **06.05.2021 at 11:30 A.M.**

Dated: 17.02.2021

(Preety Chawla) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Shri Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bholapur, Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh, District Ludhiana.



..... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o Deputy Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Amritsar Division, Amritsar.

(Regd.) Public Information Officer, O/o Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o Deputy Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Amritsar Division, Amritsar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3774 of 2020

Vs

Present:- Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant is absent. Shri Navtej Singh, Excise & Taxation Inspector (97795-84160), O/o Asstt. Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Amritsar-1 is present.

ORDER

The above mentioned Case has been allocated to the Bench of Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, Hon'ble State Information Commissioner. Since Shri Avtar Singh Kaler, SIC is on medical leave, therefore, this case is being heard by the undersigned vide Office Order dated 08.02.2021.

Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant filed RTI application dated 25.08.2020 before the SPIO, O/o Principal Secretary, Excise & Taxation Deptt. Punjab, Chandigarh. The RTI application was transferred U/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the SPIO, O/o Deputy Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Amritsar Division, Amritsar vide letter no.578 dated 10.09.2020. When no information was provided to him by the SPIO, then he filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 30.09.2020. Then he filed Second Appeal before the Punjab State Information Commission on 02.12.2020. The case was registered and allocated to the Bench. Notice of hearing was issued to both the parties for today **through CISCO Webex Meetings Software.**

The appellant is absent today, whereas the respondent has come present and he stated that the information sought by the appellant does not relate with the office of the SPIO rather it is related with the health department, Punjab as the appellant sought information regarding Distt. Health Officer and Food Safety Officer, Amritsar. He further stated that the reply regarding this was sent to the appellant vide letter no.271-273 dated 20.10.2020 and he was

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advised to contact the concerned department. He further stated that a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission for compliance.

As per the reply of the respondent, the information in the present appeal case relates with the department of health, Punjab, Chandigarh, so, the SPIO, O/o Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, Chandigarh be impleaded as party in this case. A copy of the Order with a copy of the RTI request of the appellant be sent to the above said office with the direction to supply the sought for information to the appellant.

The SPIO, O/o Deputy Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Amritsar Division, Amritsar-1 is directed to transfer the original RTI application of the appellant to the SPIO, O/o Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, Chandigarh and compliance be sent to the Commission accordingly.

The appellant is also directed to represent his case on the next date of hearing.

Both the parties should connect through CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software (Meeting No. 912442397) on the next date of hearing i.e. 06.05.2021 at 11:30 A.M.

Dated: 17.02.2021

(Preety Chawla) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Encl: Copy of RTI application.