



Rahul Gupta S/o Sh. Dharampal,
H. No. 170, Street – 05,
Mohalla Gobindpura,
Jagraon, Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Jagraon, Distt. -Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post)

Encl : RTI request

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2132 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rahul Gupta, 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 13.02.2021. First appeal is dated 16.03.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.05.2021.

The hearing in the above-mentioned appeal- cases was fixed to be heard on
01.02.2022, which could not held and the cases were postponed for today i. e. 17.02.2022.

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent
PIO through a reply vide letter no. 46235 dated 25.11.2021 signed by Chief Engineer (Nagar
Councils/Nagar Panchayats) office of Director, Local Government, which has been received in the
Commission vide Diary No. 26735 dated 29.11.2021, has intimated the Commission that
information demanded through RTI request relates with office of Nagar Council, Jagraon. It is
taken on record.

Accordingly, PIO office of Executive Officer Nagar Council, Jagraon, be impleaded
as necessary party in this case with the directions to either supply the required information or
send a reply to the query/queries (whichever relates to office of Nagar Council, Jagraon) raised by
the appellant through his RTI request (copy attached) to him with a copy to the Commission.
He/she (respondent-PIO concerned) is also directed 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. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI
request through registered post.

The case is adjourned to 25th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing
through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 17th February, 2022

Encl : RTI request

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Raj Kumar
S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
House Number 992,
Ward No. 26, Mohalla Kajia,
Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sanitation,
Division – 01,
Pathankot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sanitation Division,
Pathankot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1366 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sahil, S. D. O., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 22.06.2020. First appeal is dated 15.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.03.2021.

The hearing in the above-mentioned appeal- cases was fixed to be heard on 01.02.2022, which could not held and the cases were postponed for today i. e. 17.02.2022.

Sh. Sahil, S. D. O., who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Raj Kumar through a letter dated 21.12.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 47 dated 03.01.2022, has intimated the Commission that the information given to him by the respondent PIO is not satisfactory. It is taken on record.

As the appellant through his letter dated 21.12.2021 has not intimated about the remaining information, accordingly, another opportunity is 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. He is also advised 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 it would be assumed that the appellant is satisfied with the supplied information and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 20th April, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 17th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Amritpal Singh
S/o Sh. Avtar Singh,
House No 263A/13, Street No 8,
Hussainpura, Distt -Amritsar-143001(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3594 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Amit, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 24.08.2020. First appeal is dated 24.09.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.11.2020.

The hearing in the above-mentioned appeal- cases was fixed to be heard on 01.02.2022, which could not held and the cases were postponed for today i. e. 17.02.2022.

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

Sh. Amit, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant and a reply signed by PIO-cum-Superintendent (General Branch) has also been sent to the Commission. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it is found that the respondent has sent the above-said reply to the Commission not to the appellant, accordingly, an opportunity is given to the respondent to send the above-said reply to the appellant under intimation to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the above-said reply and also to represent this case in person 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 20th April, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 17th February, 2022

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Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
Ward No.18, Street No.2, Kartar Nagar,
Amloh Road, Khanna, District Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Vigilance Officer,
Deptt. of Director, Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintendent,
LG – III Branch O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2351 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, 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 17.12.2020. First appeal is dated 25.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.05.2021.

The hearing in the above-mentioned appeal- cases was fixed to be heard on 01.02.2022, which could not held and the cases were postponed for today i. e. 17.02.2022.

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

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 2671 dated 27.12.2021 signed by Superintendent-cum-PIO, L.G.- III Branch), which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1047 dated 19.01.2022, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information of 957 pages has already been supplied to the appellant .

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 15.03.2022 at 12:00 noon to collect the required information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information to the appellant during his visit to the office on 15.03.2022 at 12:00 under intimation to the Commission.

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 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 by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 26th April, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 17th February, 2022

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Bittu
S/o Sh. Om Kumar,
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
P.O. Ramgarh,
District – Ludhiana (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

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

(Regd. Post) ii) The Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority
G. L. A. D. A.,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

Encl: RTI request

iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Addl. Deputy Commissioner,
(Urban Development),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 602 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Vijay Kumar Assistant Town Planner(Town Planning Wing), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 20.03.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 19.05.2021.

The hearing in the above-mentioned appeal- cases was fixed to be heard on 01.02.2022, which could not held and the cases were postponed for today i. e. 17.02.2022.

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

Sh. Vijay Kumar Assistant Town Planner(Town Planning Wing), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information demanded through the RTI request relates with office of Regional Deputy Director, Ludhiana (presently Addl. Deputy Commissioner(Urban Development), Ludhiana, hence the same(RTI request) was transferred under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act to that office and a reply was sent to the complainant as well as to the Commission. It is placed in the case-file.

Further, Addl. Deputy Commissioner(Urban Development), Ludhiana sent a certified copy of report sent by office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Sahnewal to the complainant vide letter no. 4656 dated 02.09.2021 and again vide letter no. 5111 dated 21.09.2021, intimating him that the colony, regarding which the information has been demanded by the appellant, does not come under jurisdiction of Nagar Council, Sahnewal and information regarding un-authorized colonies, can be collected from office of Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority, Ludhiana.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 473 dated 31.01.2022 signed by Addl. Deputy Commissioner(Urban Development), Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission vide through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission he is unable to attend today's hearing due to election duty and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it emerges that the information demanded through the RTI request relates with office of Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority, Ludhiana, Accordingly, PIO office of Administrator, Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority, Ludhiana, be impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to either supply the required information or send a reply to the query/queries (whichever relates to his office) raised by the appellant through his RTI request (copy attached) to him with a copy to the Commission. He/she (respondent-PIO concerned) is also directed 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. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied 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.

A copy of this order alongwith a copy of RTI request be sent through registered post to office of Administrator, Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority, Ludhiana with the advice to ensure presence of any of official of his office as a representative to represent this case on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 26th April, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 17th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post) The Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority
G. L. A. D. A.,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

Encl: RTI request



Ashok Kumar Watts
S/o Sh. Des Raj,
H. No. B-V-1534, Street – 01,
Lajpat Nagar, Abohar, Distt. – Fazilka-152116(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
(L G – 3 Branch), Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4032 of 2020

Present : Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts , the appellant in person.
Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO (LG – III Branch) in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 07.09.2020. First appeal is dated 08.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.12.2020.

The hearing in the above-mentioned appeal- cases was fixed to be heard on 01.02.2022, which could not held and the cases were postponed for today i. e. 17.02.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts , 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, 04 and 05 is still pending.

Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO (LG – III Branch), who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant and for information at point no. 05 of the RTI request, the appellant was requested to provide copy of above-said complaints dated 314/10.08.2020 and 311/21.07.2020 so that status of the above-said complaints could be given. He also intimates the Commission that a letter was sent to the appellant to visit the office on 27.01.2022 alongwith relevant documents and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 281 dated 07.02.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2573 dated 09.02.2022. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the certified copies of the required information at point no. 01 and 04 of the RTI request and send a written-reply to query no. 05 to the appellant by registered post with a copy to the Commission before the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 20th April, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 17th February, 2022

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Appeal Case No. 4037 of 2020

Ajit Singh Talwandi,
Village – Nikku Chakk,
P. O. – Hajipur, Tehsil – Mukerian,
Distt. – Hoshiarpur – 144221 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4038 of 2020

Ajit Singh Talwandi,
Village – Nikku Chakk,
P. O. – Hajipur, Tehsil – Mukerian,
Distt. – Hoshiarpur – 144221 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Edu. Officer (Elem.) Pb.,
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4069 of 2020

Ajit Singh Talwandi,
Village – Nikku Chakk,
P. O. – Hajipur, Tehsil – Mukerian,
Distt. – Hoshiarpur – 144221 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

- i) **Appeal Case No. 4037 of 2020**
- ii) **Appeal Case No. 4038 of 2020**
- iii) **Appeal Case No. 4069 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o D. E. O., Hoshiarpur, on behalf of
the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 07.07.2020. First appeal is dated 17.08.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.12.2020

The hearing in the above-mentioned appeal- cases was fixed to be heard on
01.02.2022, which could not held and the cases were postponed for today i. e. 17.02.2022.

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On the earlier hearing, held on 22.11.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO office of District Education Officer(Elem.), Hoshiarpur, stated that information was sent to the appellant time and again through letters dated 14.06.2020, 06.01.2021, 04.03.2021, moreover, a fresh enquiry was also made and report dated 07.06.2021 was sent to the appellant vide letters dated 08.06.2021, 21.06.2021 and 01.09.2021.
- i) The appellant, Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi, was not present and an opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information (which was sent by respondent PIO) and also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi, through a telephonic communication, has intimated the Commission that he has undergone the operation of his eye and seeks an adjournment in the above-mentioned appeal-cases.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO office of District Edu. Officer (Elem.), Hoshiarpur, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant time and again through letters dated 14.06.2020, 06.01.2021, 04.03.2021, moreover, a fresh enquiry was also made and report dated 07.06.2021 was sent to the appellant vide letters dated 08.06.2021, 21.06.2021 and 01.09.2021.

As the appellant has only intimated about his non-availability for today's hearing but not cleared the fact whether he received the information or not.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information (which has been 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. He is also advised 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 it would be assumed that the appellant is satisfied with the supplied information and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 25th April, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 17th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Narender Kumar Bitta S/o Sh. Rai Sahib,
H. No. 2438-A, Street No. 02,
SriGuru Nanak Nagar,
Near 16 Acre, Barnala(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Bhiwanigarh, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4236 of 2021

Present : Sh. Narender Kumar Bitta, 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 16.03.2021. First appeal is dated 25.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.09.2021.

The hearing in the above-mentioned appeal- cases was fixed to be heard on 01.02.2022, which could not held and the cases were postponed for today i. e. 17.02.2022.

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

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 22 dated 25.01.2022 signed by PIO-cum- Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Bhiwanigarh, through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that Area of Gram Panchayat Balad Kothi is de-notified and presently it comes under the jurisdiction of Nagar Council, Bhiwanigarh. It is taken on record.

As only forwarding letter dated 25.01.2022 has been received but no copy of notification/enclosure is attached with it.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the above-said notification, showing that the information demanded through RTI request comes under the jurisdiction of Nagar Council, Bhiwanigarh, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission .

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be present with the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date fixed before the bench of the undersigned so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing 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 adjourned to 25th May, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 17th February, 2022

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Narender Kumar Bitta S/o Sh. Rai Sahib,
H. No. 2438-A, Street No. 02,
SriGuru Nanak Nagar,
Near 16 Acre, Barnala(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Bhiwanigarh, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4237 of 2021

Present : Sh. Narender Kumar Bitta, 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 16.03.2021. First appeal is dated 25.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.09.2021.

The hearing in the above-mentioned appeal- cases was fixed to be heard on 01.02.2022, which could not held and the cases were postponed for today i. e. 17.02.2022.

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

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 21 dated 25.01.2022 signed by PIO-cum- Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Bhiwanigarh, through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that Area of Gram Panchayat Balad Kothi is de-notified and presently it comes under the jurisdiction of Nagar Council, Bhiwanigarh. It is taken on record.

As only forwarding letter dated 25.01.2022 has been received but no copy of notification/enclosure is attached with it.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the above-said notification, showing that the information demanded through RTI request comes under the jurisdiction of Nagar Council, Bhiwanigarh, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission .

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be present with the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date fixed before the bench of the undersigned so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing 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 adjourned to 25th May, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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