



Sanjeev Kumar  
S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,  
Village – Rahimpur,  
P. O. - Mehangrowal,  
Distt. - Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Divisional Forest officer,  
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Conservator of Forests, Punjab,  
North Circle,  
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 865 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Gurdeep singh, Forest Range Officer, Hoshiarpur, in person.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.11.2019. First appeal is dated 26.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.02.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received any information from the respondent PIO concerned till date.

Sh. Gurdeep singh, Forest Range Officer, Hoshiarpur, who appeared in person. in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been given to the appellant, intimating him that the letter no. 96 dated 19.04.2011 (regarding which the information has been sought through RTI request) is not available in the official record. He also intimates the Commission that the official record for the period from the year 1990-91 to 2008-2009 has been destroyed and rest of the information for the period after 25.09.2009 is available in the official record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the available information as per official-record to the appellant. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission, mentioning the reasons whether official record is missing or not available or destroyed or copy of Office-order (if destruction of record has been done), by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information/reply, which would be sent to him by the respondent PIO and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date :17<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

... Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 665 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Thakur , the appellant in person.  
Sh. Sudesh Kumar, S. D. O, for the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.11.2019. First appeal is dated 06.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.01.2020.

Sh. Sudesh Kumar, S. D. O, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 486 dated 04.12.2020.. It, alongwith annexure, is placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO and he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied to the respondent PIO through a letter dated 02.03.2021.

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which has been pointed out by the appellant, to him specifically mentioning the names of sub-divisions alongwith work-orders done, by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

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

The case is adjourned to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Mukhtar Singh,  
H. No. 2036-C, Ranjit Avenue,  
Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Land Reclamation Officer(N),  
Land Reclamation Division,  
Irrigation Department,  
U B D C, Amritsar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Irrigation Department,  
U B D C, Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1079 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Mukhtar Singh, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 20.11.2019. First appeal is dated 10.01.2020. Second appeal has  
been received in the Commission on 11.03.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 23.02.2021, the appellant was advised to visit the office  
of the respondent on 05.04.2021 to collect the required information.

The appellant, Sh. Mukhtar Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he  
has visited the office and the concerned Executive Engineer was available but no information has been  
supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He  
has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has also  
not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by  
the Commission vide orders dated 23.02.2021.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to  
Public Information Officer concerned of office of Land Reclamation Officer(N), Land Reclamation Division,  
Irrigation Department, U B D C, Amritsar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial  
in supplying the information to the RTI under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the  
opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex  
Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further  
proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

An opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies  
of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

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

The case is adjourned to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing  
through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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



Gurmeet Singh S/o Sh. Lal Singh,  
Village – Kikker Khara,  
Tehsil – Abohar, Distt. - Fazilka(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Drainage and Construction Division,  
Ferozepur at Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Superintending Engineer,  
Water Drainage and Construction Division,  
Ferozepur (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 937 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
I) Sh. Vinod, Executive Engineer-cum-PIO, Fazilka ;  
II) Sh. Sumit Sharma, Senior Assistant (E.E. Branch – I) ;  
III) Sh. Kamaljit Singh, Senior Assistant(E.E. Branch – II); for the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 18.11.2019. First appeal is dated 10.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.02.2020.

Sh. Vinod, Executive Engineer-cum-PIO, Fazilka, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the information at point no. 07 of the RTI request has already been supplied to the appellant in a Pen-Drive. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1581-82 dated 25.02.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 4860 dated 02.03.2021. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

Sh. Sumit Sharma, Senior Assistant (E.E. Branch – I) who appeared in today's hearing, states that the information at point no. 01 of the RTI request has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 657 dated 23.03.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 658-59 dated 23.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 6665 dated 23.03.2021. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

Sh. Kamaljit Singh, Senior Assistant (E.E. Branch – II), who appeared in today's hearing, states that the information at point no. 02 of the RTI request does not relate with E.E. Branch – II.

An opportunity is given to the PIO of E.E. Branch – II to supply certified copies of the required information at point no. 02 of RTI request, after collecting the same from the concerned branch with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is not present in today's hearing. An opportunity is also given to him to confirm whether he has received the information, which was already sent by the concerned branches i. e. Water Drainage and Construction Division and E.E. Branch – I and to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information (which would be supplied to him by E.E. Branch – II) in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time 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 through facility of Software 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Ajay Kumar,  
H. No. 01, Rose Avenue Colony,  
Near Improvement Trust Office,  
Malerkotla (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Forest Range officer,  
Malerkotla(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Conservator of Forests, Punjab,  
South Circle (Opposite Central Jail),  
Nabha Road, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 883 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Ramandeep Singh, Block Officer, Malerkotla, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 21.11.2019. First appeal is dated 03.01.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.02.2020.

Sh. Ramandeep Singh, Block Officer, Malerkotla, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant and the appellant has also acknowledged the same.

As the respondent PIO has neither sent copy of information (supplied to the appellant) nor sent acknowledgement receipt given by the appellant, accordingly, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the information (which has been supplied to the appellant) alongwith acknowledgement receipt (given by the appellant) to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

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

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Punjab

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Yogesh Mahajan  
S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,  
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,  
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R),  
Provincial Division,  
Amritsar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R),  
Construction Circle, Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1363 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, 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 06.01.2020. First appeal is dated 27.01.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.05.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO and he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied to the respondent PIO through a letter dated 01.03.2021.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, complete information has also not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 23.02.2021.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Provincial Division, Amritsar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which has been pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

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

The case is adjourned to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Yogesh Mahajan  
S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,  
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,  
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R),  
Provincial Division,  
Amritsar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R),  
Construction Circle, Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1352 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, 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 06.01.2020. First appeal is dated 05.02.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.05.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO and he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied, to the respondent PIO through a letter dated 01.03.2021.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, complete information has also not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 23.02.2021.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Provincial Division, Amritsar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

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

The case is adjourned to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Janak Singh  
S/o Sh. Jagan Nath,  
Village - Ramgarh, Tehsil Khamano,  
Distt. - Fatehgarh Sahib(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director, Cultural Affairs,  
Archaeology & Museum Department, Punjab,  
Plot Number 3, Sector 38-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Tourism, Cultural Affairs,  
Archaeology & Museum, Punjab,  
Mini Secretariat, Sector - 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2549 of 2019**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 01.11.2018. First appeal is dated 10.01.2019. Second appeal has

been received in the Commission on 17.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 03.03.2021, the appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 04.03.2021. The respondent PIO was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to the appellant during his visit to office on 04.03.2021. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to file a reply, in writing, in an affidavit, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission, mentioning the reasons whether official record is missing or not available or destroyed or copy of Office-order (if destruction of record was done).

Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that she is appearing on behalf of PIO-cum-A.C.F.A. and the requisite information, regarding copy of Muster Roll (for the period from the year 1988 to 1993) carrying appellant's name, has already been supplied to the appellant and copy of Muster Roll, on which appellant's name is not mentioned, are also ready to provide.

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

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (already) supplied to him. He is also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on the next week during working hours to collect the remaining information (if any found pending) or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Satish Kumar,  
Plot No. B-5/18,  
Near Mahadev Mandir,  
Rajpura Town, Distt. - Patiala(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Superintendent,  
Department of Irrigation,  
Irrigation Personnel – 3 Branch,  
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Under Secretary,  
Department of Irrigation,  
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 567 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Satish Kumar, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 14.11.2019. First appeal is dated 07.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 03.03.2021, the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4465 dated 10.12.2020, had intimated the Commission that a reply was given to the appellant. Last opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the reply/information or not.

The appellant, Sh. Satish Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the affidavit given by the respondent PIO is not as per query raised at point no. 02 of the RTI request.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Superintendent, Department of Irrigation, Irrigation Personnel – 3 Branch, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

An opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a reply, particularly mentioning the query raised at point no. 02 of the RTI request, to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the Information/reply 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.

The case is adjourned to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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