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



Sh. Bawa Bhulinder Singh, (87604-29000)

S/o Sh. Dalip Singh,

R/o Street No. 02, Mata Ganga Ji Nagar,

Near Gurudware Khoo Bhai Manj Sahib, Amritsar (143001)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Excise & Taxation Commissioner – 1,

Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Additional Commissioner,

Excise and Taxation Commissioner - 1, Amritsar.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5251 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Bawa Bhulinder Singh is absent.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 09.08.2021, the date of First Appeal is 22.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 22.11.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 02.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 17.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Bawa Bhulinder is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

On the other hand, none is present from the department.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that the PIO O/o Taxation Officer, Amritsar -1 has written a letter dated 10.02.2022 to the PIO O/o Assistant Taxation Commissioner, Amritsar – 2 to attend the hearing of this case, **but today nobody was present from the department.**

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of RTI Application along with this order be sent to the office of Public Information Officer O/o Assistant Taxation Commissioner, Amritsar -2 through registered post, to comply the above said order.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Bawa Bhulinder Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 22.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.08.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 17.05.2022

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

CC: (Regd. Post)

**Public Information Officer,
O/o Assistant Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Amritsar -2 (Encl. RTI Application)**

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, (M:62845-53359)
S/o Sh. Major Singh,
R/o Village Phuhla, Tehsil Nathana, District Bathinda.
V/s.

...Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Gram Panchayat, Poohla,
Block Nathana, District Bathinda.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The BDPO, Nathana,
District Bathinda.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5265 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Sukhjinder Singh is present.
Sh. Nazam Singh, Panchayat Secretary is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 09.07.2021, the date of First Appeal is 03.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 23.11.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 02.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 17.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sukhjinder Singh states that the information which has been supplied to him is not clear. He further mentions about his email dated 16.05.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Panchayat Secretary, Sh. Nazam Singh states that the information has been sent to the Appellant, Sh. Sukhjinder Singh vide dated 09.05.2022.

After discussing with both the parties, it has been found that both the parties disagree to each other statements.

In view of above, the PIO concerned is directed to bring all the documents / reply to the Commission relating to this case on the next date and **if the PIO and other concerned officials would not personally appear with all the concerned documents relating to this case in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the concerned PIO has nothing to say and Court could take further action against the PIO on the next date of hearing.**

The Appellant, Sh. Sukhjinder Singh is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case on the next date of the hearing and if he failed to appear personally in the Commission on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he has no intention in collecting the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 10.08.2022 at 11.00 am and both the parties are directed to appear on the next date of hearing i.e. 10.08.2022 which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 17.05.2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Puneet Singh, (6283270078)
S/o Sh. Anil Pathania,
R/o Village Lahri, 183, PO Rattangarh,
District and Tehsil Pathankot (Punjab).

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Department of Rural Development and Panchayat ,
Vikas Bhawan, Sarovar Path, Phase 8, Sector 62, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Financial Commissioner,
Rural Development and Panchayats Punjab, Mini Secretariat,
Sector 9, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5266 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Puneet Singh is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 26.08.2021, the date of First Appeal is 04.10.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 23.11.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 02.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 17.05.2022.

In today's hearing, both the parties are absent.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a letter dated 25.01.2022 has been issued from the office of Deputy Director (L.D. Branch) of Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Sector 62 Mohali to the office of District Development and Panchayat Officer, Pathankot mentioning that the RTI Application of the Appellant has been transferred to them and further directed to supply the information to the Appellant directly. Further, the office of District Development and Panchayat Officer, Pathankot has written a letter dated 03.02.2022 and a letter dated 08.03.2022 to the office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Gharota to supply the information to the Appellant directly and to attend the today's hearing as well, but nobody is present from the department today.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, **failing which further action would be taken against the concerned PIO.**

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of RTI Application along with this order be sent to the office of Public Information Officer O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer, Pathankot and Public Information Officer O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Gharota through registered post. The concerned PIO is further directed to look into this matter thoroughly and comply the above said order.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Puneet Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered



post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **22.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **22.08.2022** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 17.05.2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer
O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Pathankot {Encl. RTI Application}

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Gharota {Encl. RTI Application}

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Sh. Mangat Singh, S/o Sh. Natha Singh,
Village Hariau Khurd, Tehsil Patran, District Patiala.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The BDPO, Patran,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The BDPO, Patran, District Patiala.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5274 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Mangat Singh is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 31.08.2021, the date of First Appeal is 04.10.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 23.11.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 02.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 17.05.2022.

In today's hearing, both the parties are absent.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Mangat Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 23.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 23.08.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 17.05.2022

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Sub. Maj. Balbir Singh S/o Sh. Ram Kishan,
Village Jamalpur, (Umarpur),
PO Umarpur, Tehsil Mukherian, District Hoshiarpur.M: 9464726538

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Hoshiarpur,
District Hoshiarpur (Punjab)
(Encl. RTI Application)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The DDPO, Hoshiarpur.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5281 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sub. Maj. Balbir Singh is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 31.08.2021, the date of First Appeal is 04.10.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 23.11.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 02.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 17.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sub. Maj. Balbir Singh states that the information which has been supplied to him does not relate with his RTI.

On the other hand, none is present from the department.

After going through the case file, a copy of letter dated 28.01.2022 has been received from the department in the Commission and is taken on record.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant and no one appears from the department today relating to this case hearing.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Hoshiarpur as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**as per RTI**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sub. Maj. Balbir Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or email, with a copy to the Commission positively failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 23.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 23.08.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 17.05.2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

**Show Cause: (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Hoshiarpur,
District Hoshiarpur (Punjab) (Encl. RTI Application)**

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Sh. Prem Singh, S/o Sh. Kehar Singh,
Village Jawandpur, Block and Tehsil Kahdoor Sahib, District Tarn Taran, Punjab (143112)
Sh. Harpal Singh S/o Sh. Hardeep Singh,
Village Jawandpur, Block and Tehsil Kahdoor Sahib, District Tarn Taran, Punjab (143112)
V/s.

...Appellant

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Tarn Taran. (Punjab)

Encl. RTI Application

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The ADC (D), Tarn Taran.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5285 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : Sh. Paramjit Singh is present on behalf of the Appellant.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 25.06.2021, the date of First Appeal is 02.11.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 23.11.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 02.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 17.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Paramjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him.
On the other hand, none is present from the department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO.

In view of above, the PIO concerned is directed to bring all the documents / reply to the Commission relating to this case on the next date and **if the PIO and other concerned officials would not personally appear with all the concerned documents relating to this case in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the concerned PIO has nothing to say and Court could take further action against the PIO on the next date of hearing.**

The Appellant, Sh. Prem Singh or his representative is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case on the next date of the hearing and if he failed to appear personally in the Commission on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he has no intention in collecting the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 24.08.2022 at 11.00 am and both the parties are directed to appear on the next date of hearing i.e. 24.08.2022 which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 17.05.2022

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Smt. Kiran Sharma,
W/o Sh. Jagdish Sharma,
Street No. 42, Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The SHO, Police Station,
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5279 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : Sh. Sushil Kumar is present on behalf of the Appellant.
Sh. Jarnail Singh, ASI is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 06.05.2021, the date of First Appeal is 16.07.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 23.11.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 02.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 17.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Sushil Kumar states that no information has been supplied to them.

On the other hand, ASI, Sh. Jarnail Singh states that the information has been sent to the Appellant and further mentions that the Appellant doesnot collect the documents by post and return the same to them. He further mentions about an email dated 17.05.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that an email dated 10.05.2022 and 17.05.2022 has been received in the Commission from the Appellant side, which is taken on record.

In view of above, the PIO concerned is directed to bring all the documents / reply to the Commission relating to this case on the next date and **if the PIO and other concerned officials would not personally appear with all the concerned documents relating to this case in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the concerned PIO has nothing to say and Court could take further action against the PIO on the next date of hearing.**

The Appellant, Smt. Kiran Sharma or her representative is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case on the next date of the hearing and if he failed to appear personally in the Commission on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he has no intention in collecting the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 24.08.2022 at 11.00 am and both the parties are directed to appear on the next date of hearing i.e. 24.08.2022 which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 17.05.2022

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Jasbir Singh Sekhon, S/o Sh. Kartar Singh,
Village Tandi P.O. Laroya, District Jalandhar.
M: 99148-08666

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Tandi,
Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.

(Encl. RTI Application)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The BDPO, Bhogpur,
District Jalandhar.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5099 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 02.07.2021, the date of First Appeal is 23.08.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 09.11.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 03.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 17.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is absent but an email dated 16.05.2022 has been received in the Commission vide which the Appellant has mentioned that no information has been supplied to him and request for an adjournment.

On the other hand, none is present from the department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of RTI Application along with this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 23.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 23.08.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 17.05.2022

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Ravinder Singh Chadha, (M: 98142-28629)
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar.

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar. (Encl. RTI Application)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
MC, Jalandhar.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1935 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Singh is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 02.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 17.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Singh is absent.

On the other hand, none is present from the department but an email dated 17.05.2022 from the APIO –cum – Building Inspector, Sh. Paul Parneet Singh has been received in the Commission vide which he has requested for an adjournment as he has to appear in the Hon'ble court of Jalandhar.

An opportunity is given to both the parties.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of RTI Application along with this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 05.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 05.09.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 17.05.2022

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30, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar.

...Appellant

V/s.

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O/o The Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar. (Encl. RTI Application)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
MC, Jalandhar.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1936 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Singh is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 02.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 17.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Singh is absent.

On the other hand, none is present from the department but an email dated 17.05.2022 from the APIO –cum – Building Inspector, Sh. Paul Parneet Singh has been received in the Commission vide which he has requested for an adjournment as he has to appear in the Hon'ble court of Jalandhar.

An opportunity is given to both the parties.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of RTI Application along with this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 05.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 05.09.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 17.05.2022

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Jasbir Singh, (M: 98142-28629)
Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bolapur, JHabewal,
PO Ramgarh, District Ludhiana.

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana -2. (Encl. RTI Application)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana -2.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5102 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 02.09.2021, the date of First Appeal is 09.10.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 09.11.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 03.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 17.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date and further mentions that the department is replying that this information pertains to 3rd party and the same could not be supplied.

On the other hand, none is present from the department but an email dated 04.04.2022 has been sent to the Commission by the department in which no attachment has been found.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as no one appears from the department today and further the concerned PIO is directed to explain the facts of this case before the Commission that why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to appear on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Meetings Software positively for explaining the facts of this case, failing which a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of RTI Application along with this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 06.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 06.09.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 17.05.2022

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, (98142-30616),
S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
R/o Romana Street, Jaito, Tehsil Jaito,
District Faridkot (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Local Govt., Municipal Bhawan, Plot No.03,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Local Govt., Municipal Bhawan, Plot No.03,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3658 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 07.02.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been supplied to him till date. He further mentions about an email dated 09.05.2022 which has been sent to the Commission, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the department.

After going through the case file, it has been observed a reply dated 08.03.2022 and another reply dated 31.03.2022 has been sent to the Commission by the department of LG 3 Branch signed by Superintendent –cum- PIO is not found to be satisfactory in nature to the undersigned.

It has also been observed that on hearing dated 23.11.2021 a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO and further on hearing dated 07.02.2022 Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent of LG -3 Branch connected through webex but he was not audible during the hearing and he was read out the order dated 07.02.2022 when he appeared in the Commission after the hearing was over.

But today no body appears from the department.

The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the Respondent/ PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the Respondent/ PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission.

Accordingly, for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, **a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)** is imposed upon the concerned **Public Information Officer office of The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Govt., Municipal Bhawan, Plot No.03, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.**

A copy of this order be sent to PIO concerned through registered post.

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

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services



Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services

Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts

Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services 60

Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-

86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Final opportunity is given to the PIO concerned to supply complete information to the Appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which further action would be taken against the concerned PIO, on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software. .

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 20.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 20.09.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 17.05.2022

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S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
R/o Romana Street, Jaito, Tehsil Jaito,
District Faridkot (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Local Govt., Municipal Bhawan, Plot No.03,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**
O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Local Govt., Municipal Bhawan, Plot No.03,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3659 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 07.02.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that no information has been supplied to him till date. He further mentions about an email dated 09.05.2022 which has been sent to the Commission, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the department.

After going through the case file, it has been observed a reply dated 08.03.2022 and 31.03.2022 has been sent to the Commission by the department of LG 3 Branch signed by Superintendent –cum- PIO is not found to be satisfactory in nature to the undersigned.

It has also been observed that on hearing dated 23.11.2021 a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO and further on hearing dated 07.02.2022 Sh. Jasvir Singh, Superintendent of LG -3 Branch connected through webex but he was not audible during the hearing and he was read out the order dated 07.02.2022 when he appeared in the Commission after the hearing was over.

But today no body appears from the department.

The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the Respondent/ PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the Respondent/ PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission.

Accordingly, for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, **a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)** is imposed upon the concerned **Public Information Officer office of The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Local Govt., Municipal Bhawan, Plot No.03, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.**

A copy of this order be sent to PIO concerned through registered post.

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

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services



Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services

Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts

Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services 60

Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-

86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Final opportunity is given to the PIO concerned to supply complete information to the Appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which further action would be taken against the concerned PIO, on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software. .

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 20.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 20.09.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 17.05.2022

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Gurmel Singh (9876204542)
S/o Sh. Tek Singh,
357, Ward Number 02, Patti Sunami,
VPO Langowal, District Sangrur (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Longowal, District Sangrur (Punjab)

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1150 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Complainant, Sh. Gurmel Singh is absent.
Sh. Darshan Singh, Computer Operator is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 07.02.2022 vide which the penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed on the concerned PIO for delay in supplying the information to the information seeker.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Gurmel Singh is absent.

On the other hand, the Computer Operator, Sh. Darshan Singh requests for an adjournment and on further discussion it has been found that penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed on the concerned PIO vide order dated 07.02.2022 has not been deposited to the Government Treasury till date.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO on 23.11.2021 and on the hearing dated 07.02.2022 a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- was imposed to the concerned PIO but still there is no proof of supplying the information to the Complainant or depositing the penalty to Government Treasury and the PIO is also absent today.

In view of above, the penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (which was imposed on 07.02.2022 to the concerned PIO) is enhanced by Rs. 5,000/- (enhanced today i.e. 17.05.2022) amounting to total Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only).

A copy of this order be sent to PIO concerned through registered post.

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

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services 60
Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission by the PIO on the next date of hearing.

Final opportunity is given to the PIO concerned and the PIO is directed to bring all the documents / reply to the Commission relating to this case on the next date and if the PIO and other concerned officials would not personally appear with all the concerned documents relating to this case in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the concerned PIO has nothing to say and Court could take further action against the PIO on the next date of hearing.

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The Complainant, Sh. Gurmel Singh is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case on the next date of the hearing and if he failed to appear personally in the Commission on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he has no intention in collecting the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

A copy of this order be sent to the office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development), Sangrur and further ADC (UD), Sangrur is directed to look into this matter and make sure that the concerned PIO should comply the above said order and should appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 31.08.2022 at 11.00 am and both the parties are directed to appear on the next date of hearing i.e. 31.08.2022 which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 17.05.2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

**Regd. Post : The Additional Deputy Commissioner,
(Urban Development),
Sangrur (Punjab)**

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Sangam Kaushal (email: sangamkaushal360@gmail.com)**
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
R/o Village Beh Chuhan PO Kamahi Devi, Tehsil Mukherian,
District Hoshiarpur (144223)
M: 7589145709

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner,
(Urban Development), Jalandhar (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**
O/o The Director,
Department of Local Govt., Municipal Bhawan, Plot No.03,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4231 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Sangam Kaushal is present.
Ms. Ashika Jain, ADC (UD), Jalandhar is present.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 21.02.2022 but it could not be heard due to technical fault in connection of network.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sangam Kaushal states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the ADC (UD), Jalandhar, Ms. Ashika Jain states that earlier this information was relating to the Regional Deputy Director which now have converted to the respective ADC's department. This information pertains to the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Hoshiarpur. For the same she further mentions about an email dated 13.05.2022 and 17.05.2022 which is taken on record.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of RTI Application along with this order be sent to the office of Public Information Officer O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Hoshiarpur through registered post, to comply the above said order.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Sangam Kaushal is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 06.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 06.09.2022 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Joining Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 17.05.2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC: (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development),
Hoshiarpur.(Encl. RTI Application)

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(Regd. Post) Smt. Manjula (9988524299)
H. No. 1086, Sector 26, Panchkula

...Complainant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary,
Local Govt. Department, Sector 35-A, Plot no. 3, Chandigarh. Encl. RTI Application

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1279 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Complainant, Smt. Manjula is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 15.03.2022 vide which the concerned PIO was advised to supply the information to the Complainant. A copy of the order dated 15.03.2022 was sent to the Vigilance Cell Branch as well as LG -3 Branch but nobody appears today from the Department.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Smt. Manjula states that no information has been supplied to her.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Complainant and no one appears from the department today relating to this case hearing.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Department, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

Also, the PIO concerned is directed to bring all the documents / reply to the Commission relating to this case on the next date and if the PIO and other concerned officials would not personally appear with all the concerned documents relating to this case in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the concerned PIO has nothing to say and Court could take further action against the PIO on the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent to the department of Local Govt. Vigilance Cell Branch and the Department of Local Govt. LG -3 Branch through registered post for compliance of the above said order.

The Complainant, Ms. Manjula is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case on the next date of the hearing and if she or her representative failed to appear personally in the Commission on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that she has no intention in collecting the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 14.09.2022 at 11.00 am and both the parties are directed to appear on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.09.2022 which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 17.05.2022

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

**CC: (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Department of Local Govt. Punjab (Vigilance Cell), Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.
(Encl. RTI Application)**

**(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Department of Local Govt. Punjab (LG-3 Branch), Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.
(Encl. RTI Application)**