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Sh. Malkeet Singh, S/o Sh. Jeet Singh,

H. No. 230, Ward No. 07, Mohalla Subash Nagar, Sunam Udam Singh Wala, Distt. Sangrur (148028)

M: 98783-61825

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Tehsildar,

Sunam Udam Singh Wala, Distt. Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Sunam, Distt. Sangrur.

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No. 1907 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Malkeet Singh is present.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 02.12.2020, the date of First Appeal is 09.02.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 16.04.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Malkeet Singh states that he has received the wrong information twice. He further adds by saying that first time he was told to contact with the office of SDM, Sunam and later on the second time he was verbally told by Sh. Manohar Singh that there are no statements (i.e. ঘদাਨ) that's why there is no report. He further states that he has only received the log book and further requests for remaining information. He further mentions about his letter which has been sent to the Commission relating to this case, to which a letter vide diary number 17864 dated 12.08.2021 has been received in the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department and no intimation has been received from the Department relating to today's hearing.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant and nobody appeared from the department for today's hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

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 Tehsildar, Sunam Udam Singh Wala, Distt. Sangrur, 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 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

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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.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Malkeet 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 **09.11.2021** at **11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **09.11.2021** 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.

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Show Cause:

Dated: 17.08.2021

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Tehsildar,

Sunam Udam Singh Wala, Distt. Sangrur.

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Sh. Malkeet Singh, S/o Sh. Jeet Singh,

H. No. 230, Ward no. 07, Mohalla Subhash Nagar, Sunam Udam Singh Wala, Distt. Sangrur (148028) M:9878361825

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,

Sangrur. Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1916 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Malkeet Singh is present.

ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 02.12.2020, the date of First Appeal is 09.02.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 16.04.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Department, ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant, Sh. Malkeet Singh vide letter number 66 dated 11.08.2021. The ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh further states that the same has been sent to the Commission as well vide email dated 11.08.2021 as well as by post, which has been received in the Commission vide diary number 17965 dated 13.08.2021, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Appellant states that the supplied information is not related and further requests for the same.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on 25.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M. positively for clarifying the facts and collect the information (as per RTI Application) from the concerned department and if the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the record on the said date and time then it would be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the Appellant visits for the inspection and the inspection could not take place on the said date and time from the Department's end then it would be presumed that the concerned department is misleading the Court and further strict action would be recommended against the PIO, on the next date of hearing.

The PIO is also directed to hand over the information (as per RTI Application) to the Appellant by hand and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to submit the same in writing along with a reason, to the Appellant along with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

The ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh and other concerned officials are directed to be present at the concerned office on the said date and time when the Appellant would appear to collect the record.

This case is adjourned to 09.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 09.11.2021 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.

Sd/-

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

Dated: 17.08.2021

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Appellant

Sh. Jasbir Singh, S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,

R/o Village Jalal Khera, P.O. Sular, Distt. Patiala.

M: 98153-97246

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The District Education Officer, (Elementary Education), Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

 $\mathbf{0/o}$ The District Education Officer, (Elementary Education),

Patiala.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1918 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 25.01.2021, the date of First Appeal is 26.02.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 16.04.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that partial information has been supplied to him. He further mentions about an email dated 17.08.2021 which has been sent to the Commission vide which it has been written that he has inspected the record on dated 07.06.2021 but he did not receive the photocopy of the record relating to point number 02, 03, 04 and 05 after inspecting the same.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department and partial intimation has been supplied to the Appellant from the concerned department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as partial information has been supplied to the Appellant and nobody appeared from the department for today's 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 Education Officer, (Elementary Education), Patiala, 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 (i.e. relating to point number 2,3,4 and 5 of the RTI Application) 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.

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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. 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 **09.11.2021** at **11:00** A.M. and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **09.11.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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Punjab

Show Cause:

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0/o The District Education Officer, (Elementary Education),

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Sh. Rajinder Singh,

H.No. 352 / 1, Mohalla Sagran,

Adampur Doaba, District Jalandhar. (144102)

M: 98154-05583

Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

 $\mathbf{O/o}$ The Department of Local Bodies, Punjab,

Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 458 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present: The Complainant, Sh. Rajinder Singh is present.

Sh. Karanjeet Singh, Building Inspector is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 19.12.2019 and the date of Complaint Appeal filed in the Commission is 23.04.2021.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Rajinder Singh's internet connection was not proper due to which he was not audible during the proceeding of this present case.

On the other hand, the Building Inspector, Sh. Karanjeet Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Complainant vide 21.06.2021. He further mentions about an email dated 22.06.2021 and a letter dated 21.06.2021 vide which information has been sent to the Commission as well.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is advised to supply the proper requisite information to the Complainant **again** 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 advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant 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 Complainant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Complainant, Sh. Rajinder 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 **09.11.2021** at **11:00** A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **09.11.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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Sh. Tejinder Singh,

Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender,

Phillaur. (144410)

Appellant

(Regd. Post)Public Information Officer,

O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bikhiwind, District Tarn Tarn.

(Regd. Post)First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bikhiwind, District Tarn Tarn.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2448 of 2020

V/s.

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh is present.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

On the last date of hearing dated 25.05.2021, the Commission took the serious view against the casual approach of the concerned PIO as he was absent without any intimation to the Commission and neither the information was been supplied to the Appellant due to which a penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed onto the concerned PIO office of The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran on dated 25.05.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh states that the status of this present case is same as it was on the last hearing, as no information has been supplied to him till date and further requests for the same.

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

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as still the concerned PIO is absent and does not comply any previous order of the Commission and violated the rules of the RTI Act, 2005.

On the last date of hearing, i.e. 25.05.2021 a penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed on to the office of The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran, but still no reply relating to this case nor any representative is present today from the department which leads to a strict action against the concerned PIO and the penalty amount be enhanced by Rs. 5000/- to total amounting to Rs. 10,000/- (i.e. Rs. 5000/- imposed on 25.05.2021 + Rs. 5000/- enhanced today).

A copy of this order along with the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO 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

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And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned either to supply the certified copies of the required information through registered post or e-mail to the appellant or file a point wise reply, in an affidavit, to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request as per official record by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing, failing which disciplinary action under Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act, would be recommended against him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Tejinder 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 will be decide on merits.

Moreover, a copy of this order be sent to the office of Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran and he is directed to make sure that the concerned PIO office of The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran should attend the next date of hearing of the Commission i.e. 09.11.2021 through Cisco Webex Meeting Software and also directed to make sure that the PIO office of The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran must comply the previous orders of the Commission by depositing the penalty i.e. Rs. 10,000/- into the Government Treasury and supplying the requisite information to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to **09.11.2021** at **11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **09.11.2021** 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.

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Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

CC:

(Regd. Post) The Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran.

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Sh. Parmod Kumar, (99149-22650),

H. No. 2650, Ward No. 12,

Near Dushera Ground Kharar (Mohali)

Complainant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab, Phase – 10, S.A.S Nagar (Punjab)

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 477 of 2020 {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

V/s.

Present: The Complainant, Sh. Parmod Kumar is present.

Sh. Harpreet Singh, Labour Conciliation Officer along Ms. Kulwant Kaur, Superintendent

Grade-II is present from the Department.

ORDER:

Dated: 17.08.2021

This case may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 25.05.2021.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Parmod Kumar states that the information relating to point number 08 is pending only and requests for the same.

On this, the Superintendent, Ms. Kulwant Kaur states that they have got the information from the Labour Inspector and the same information has been supplied to the Complainant at his whatsapp software as well as through registered post vide dated 13.08.2021. She further mentions about an email dated 13.08.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

The Complainant 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 will be decided on merits.

The PIO is directed to supply the requisite information 'again' to the Complainant by hand or through registered post on if the Complainant would point out the deficiencies well in time.

This case is adjourned to 09.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 09.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ <u>Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.</u>

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,

Village Rahimapur, P.O. Mahingrowal, District Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

V/s.

(Regd. Post)Public Information Officer,

O/o The Divisional Forest Officer, Hoshiarpur.

(Regd. Post)First Appellate Authority,

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3076 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Sanjeev is present.

Sh. Rattan Singh, Senior Assistant Provincial Division B & R, Mansa is present from the

Department.

ORDER:

This case may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 31.05.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him. He further mentions about his email dated 08.04.2021 vide which he has written that at the time of inspection on 07.04.2021 he was shown those 'mast rolls' which are not relevant to this case and further mentions about an email dated 04.08.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, Sh. Rattan Singh, Senior Assistant from O/o Provincial Division B & R, Mansa states that their department has no link to this case and further request for exemption.

After going through the previous order of the Commission dated 31.05.2021 it has been observed that the previous order of the Commission has been sent inadvertently to the wrong department. The order was to be sent to the PIO O/o The Divisional Forest Officer, Hoshiarpur and FAA O/o The Conservator of Forests, North Circle, Punjab, Hoshiarpur but due to clerical error it has been sent to the PIO O/o The Executive Engineer, P.W.D (B & R), Provincial Division, Mansa (Punjab) and FAA O/o The Superintending Engineer, P.W.D (B & R), Construction Circle, Bathinda (Punjab). Also, a show cause notice which was issued to the PIO O/o The Executive Engineer, P.W.D (B & R), Provincial Division, Mansa (Punjab) be **dropped**.

In view of above, the concerned PIO i.e. O/o The Divisional Forest Officer, Hoshiarpur 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 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. This order be sent to the concerned department through registered post.

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. Sanjeev Kumar 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

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the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 09.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 09.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/
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A copy of this order be sent to the PIO O/o The Executive Engineer, P.W.D (B & R), Provincial Division, Mansa (Punjab) and FAA O/o The Superintending Engineer, P.W.D (B & R), Construction Circle, Bathinda (Punjab) for intimation and are exempted for future hearing relating to this present case.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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CC:

Dated: 17.08.2021

(Regd. Post)Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Engineer, P.W.D (B & R), Provincial Division, Mansa (Punjab)

(Regd. Post)First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Superintending Engineer, P.W.D (B & R), Construction Circle, Bathinda.

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Sh. Kuldeep Raj Mahajan,

Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road,

Pathankot (M: 98143-54649)

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, P.W.D. (B & R), Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, P.W.D (B & R), SCO 39, Sector 7, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No. 2729 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

On the last hearing dated 25.05.2021 it has been observed that the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan stated that he had received an empty envelope and further an email dated 02.03.2021 which was received to the Commission from the Department's end in which a letter vide endorsement number 3246 dated 01.03.2021 is attached.

Also, both the parties were directed to appear in person in today's hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco webex.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that the status of this case is same as it was on the last hearing, as no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, no one appears from the Department relating to today's hearing.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as no information has been supplied to the Appellant and nobody appeared from the department for today's 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 Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, P.W.D. (B & R), Amritsar, 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 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

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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.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan 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 **09.11.2021** at **11:00** A.M. and **both** the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **09.11.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/**Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 17.08.2021

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Show Cause:

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division,

P.W.D. (B & R), Amritsar.

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Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road,

Pathankot (M: 98143-54649)

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

0/o The Executive Engineer, Central Works Division, P.W.D. (B & R), S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Superintending Engineer, Central Works Circle, PWD B & R, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No. 2732 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.

Sh. Charanji Lal Sharma, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

Dated: 17.08.2021

On the last date of hearing dated 25.05.2021, the concerned PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant after removing the deficiencies as pointed out by the Appellant.

In today's hearing, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Charanji Lal Sharma states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant vide letter number 1141 dated 05.07.2021 and the cover letter of the same has been sent to the Commission, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that he wanted to know from the department whether the information which has been supplied to him is complete. As, in one sub division there are three works orders that have been passed, in second sub division there is one work order that has been passed and in the third sub division there is no work order passed.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to confirm whether that the requisite information which has been supplied to the Appellant is complete in nature as per Applicant's RTI and nothing is left relating to this.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan 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 **09.11.2021** at **11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **09.11.2021** 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.

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Sh. Kuldeep Raj Mahajan,

Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road,

Pathankot (M: 98143-54649)

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Engineer, Central, Mandi Board, Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Chief Engineer (North),

Mandi Board, Punjab, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No. 2737 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.

Sh. Sudesh Kumar, SDO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

On the last date of hearing dated 25.05.2021, the concerned PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant after removing the deficiencies as pointed out by the Appellant.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that the shortcomings has been pointed out by him to the department vide letter dated 19.05.2021, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, the SDO, Sh. Sudesh Kumar states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant vide letter dated 12.08.2021 and further mentions about an email dated 17.08.2021 vide which a copy of letter dated 12.08.2021 is attached and received in the Commission, which is taken on record.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**again after removing the deficiencies**) 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 through email vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The PIO is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan 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.

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Sh. Niranjan Singh, (99888-54725)

H. No. 1681, Street Guruan Wali, Jandiala Guru, District Amritsar.

Complainant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner, (Development), Tarn Taran. (Punjab)

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 339 of 2020
{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

V/s.

Present: The Complainant, Sh. Niranjan Singh is absent.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

On the last hearing dated 19.07.2021 it has been observed that the Complainant, Sh. Niranjan Singh was present and he stated that no information has been supplied to him and the concerned PIO was directed to file a proper reply to the queries raised by the complainant to his RTI request.

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

On the other hand, no one appears from the Department relating to today's hearing.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as no information has been supplied to the Complainant and nobody appeared from the department for today's 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 Additional Deputy Commissioner, (Development), Tarn Taran (Punjab), 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.

Final opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is advised to supply the requisite information to the Complainant 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 advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

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

Last opportunity is also given to the Complainant, Sh. Niranjan Singh and he is directed to go

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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.

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Complainant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner, (Development), Tarn Taran. (Punjab)

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 341 of 2020
{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

V/s.

Present: The Complainant, Sh. Niranjan Singh is absent.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

On the last hearing dated 19.07.2021 it has been observed that the Complainant, Sh. Niranjan Singh was present and he stated that no information has been supplied to him and the concerned PIO was directed to file a proper reply to the queries raised by the complainant to his RTI request.

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

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

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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.

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