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Amandeep Singh Gill S/o Sh. Nirmal Singh Gill, Street No. 15, Peeru Banda, Salem Tibri, Ludhiana-141008(Punjab)



...Complainant

Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Block Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur(Punjab)

Public Information Officer, O/o Village Development Officer (V.D.O.), O/o Gram Panchayat, Khuh-Chah-Parsia, Block Ghall Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur(Punjab)

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 450 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the complainant. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 07.07.2020 and adjourned for

V/s.

16.09.20 (could not held due to technical error) and fixed for hearing for today i. e. 17.09 .2020.

On the hearing, held on 07.07.2020, none of the PIOs came present personally

from offices of B.D.P.O., Block Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur and PIO office of Village Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Khuh-Chah-Parsia, Block Ghall Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur, as directed vide orders dated 05.02.2020. They had not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability and also not sent any document showing that whether the required information is supplied to the information seeker and taking a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIOs concerned and 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) was imposed upon each i) Public Information Officer concerned of office of B.D.P.O., Block Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur and ii) Public Information Officer concerned of office of Village Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Khuh-Chah-Parsia, Block Ghall Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur. Last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIOs concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries (whichever relates to his/her office) raised through RTI request, through registered post. They were also directed to appear in person on the date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'

Neither the complainant, Sh. Amandeep Singh Gill nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

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Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent-PIOs concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries (whichever relates to his/her office) raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing. They are also directed to appear in person on the date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIOs concerned i. e. i) Public Information Officer concerned of office of B.D.P.O., Block Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur and ii) Public Information Officer concerned of office of Village Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Khuh-Chah-Parsia, Block Ghall Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur to comply with the orders dated 07.07.2020 passed by the Commission by depositing penalty of Rs. 5000/- into the Government Treasury and a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission or <u>under Section</u> 20 (2) of the RTI Act, disciplinary action would be recommended against them(above-said officials) for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and non-compliance of the orders passed by the Commission, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

A copy of this order be sent to Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Officer, S. A. S. Nagar <u>through registered post</u> with the advice to ensure presence of i) Public Information Officer concerned of office of B.D.P.O., Block Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur and ii) Public Information Officer concerned of office of Village Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Khuh-Chah-Parsia, Block Ghall Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur on the next date of hearing, fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' and also to ensure the compliance of the above announced order and order dated 07.07.2020. A copy of the order dated 07.07.2020 be sent to him for reference.

The case is <u>adjourned to 16th November, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

The Director,

Date :17th September, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

(<u>Regd. Post</u>)

Encl : Order dated 07.07.2020

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Sanjeev Goyal S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar, H. No. 148, Model Town, Phase – 1, Bathinda - 151001 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The General Manager,
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation,
Bathinda (Punjab)

ii)	Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post)	O/o The Commissioner,
	Municipal Corporation,
Encl : RTI request	Bathinda(Punjab)

... Respondent

Complaint Case No. 27 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, the complainant, in person. Sh. Rohit Bansal, Clerk O/o P.R.T.C. Bathinda, for the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 15.02.2019. The complaint has been received in

the Commission on 30.12.2019.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 07.07.2020 and adjourned for 16.09.2020 (could not held due to technical error) and fixed for hearing for today i. e. 17.09 .2020.

On the hearing, held on 07.07.2020, an opportunity was given to the complainant to point out deficiencies, if any, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a reply, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the complainant, to him by registered post.

Sh. Rohit Bansal, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO of office of P.R.T.C. Bathinda, in today's hearing, states that a reply was sent to the complainant, Sh. Sanjeev Goyal on 19.08.2020 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that the RTI request of the complainant was transferred from the office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Bathinda to the office of P.R.T.C., Bathinda vide letter no. 875 dated 13.03.2019 under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act for the information demanded at point no. 10 of the RTI request. It is placed in the case-file.

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Complainant Case No. 27 of 2020

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The complainant, Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that part information relates with office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Bathinda, which has not been supplied to him.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the RTI request dated 15.02.2019 of the complainant is addressed to PIO office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Bathinda and the information demanded at query raised at point no. 10 of the RTI request is regarding income and expenditure bills of Local Buses, Mini Buses etc., which come under the office of Municipal Corporation, Bathinda.

Accordingly, PIO of office of Public Information Officer office of

Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Bathinda, be called to represent this case in connection with query raised at point no. 10 of the RTI request is regarding income and expenditure bills of Local Buses, Mini Buses etc. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing <u>fixed through facility of Software/application</u> <u>'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u> with a reply to query raised at point no. 10 of the RTI request so that the facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is **adjourned to 20th October**, **2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for** hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date :17th September, 2020

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Encl : RTI request

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Rakesh Kumar S/o Sh. Tunda Ram, R/o H. No.1030-A, Sarian Mohalla, Teh. and Distt - Pathankot(Punjab) Point Price State

V/s.

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director General of Police – cum- Commandant General, Punjab Home Guards and Director, Civil Defence Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director General of Police – cum- Commandant General, Punjab Home Guards and Director, Civil Defence Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 65 of 2020

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar, the appellant in person with Sh. S. K. Chowdhary, Advocate,

Sh. Jatinder Kumar, Supdt.(Admn.)-cum-PIO, in person. ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 15.07.2019. First appeal is dated 11.09.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.12.2019.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 07.07.2020 and adjourned for 16.09.2020 (could not held due to technical error) and fixed for hearing for today i. e. 17.09 .2020.

On the hearing, held on 07.07.2020, after hearing the parties concerned and examining the documents/RTI request placed in the case-file, it was emerged that the information sought for by the appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar through his RTI request is not 'third party' information as it is regarding the recruitment of post of 'constable' done in the year 2017 in the department with list of candidates with copy of advertisement etc, accordingly, the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant to 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.

Appeal Case No. 65 of 2020

In today's hearing, Sh. Jatinder Kumar, Supdt.(Admn.)-cum-PIO, who appeared in person, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant through registered post.

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After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 7749 dated 31.07.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 9431 dated 04.08.2020, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant through registered post, appended to which is postal receipt . It, alongwith a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

In today's hearing, the appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar, who appeared in person with Sh. S. K. Chowdhary, Advocate, states that no such information has been received till date.

The respondent PIO is directed to send the requisite information again to the appellant through registered post at his residential address and send a copy of the same with a copy of postal receipt in the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 16th November, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :17th September, 2020

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Jaspal Singh S/o Sh. Surjit Singh, House No. 157, Street No. 8-A, Manjit Nagar, Bhadson Road, Patiala(Punjab) V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Managing Director, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation (P.R.T.C.), Nabha Road, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Managing Director, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation (P.R.T.C.), Nabha Road, Patiala (Punjab) Appeal Case No. 2611 of 2019

...Respondents

Present :

Sh. Jaspal Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Amanveer Singh Tiwana, PIO-cum-Traffic Manager, in person ;

Sh. Narender Kumar, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent. ii)

ORDER

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

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 07.07.2020 and adjourned for

16.09.20 (could not held due to technical error) and fixed for hearing for today i. e. 17.09 .2020.

On the hearing, held on 07.07.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record of Head Office on 14.07.2020 at 11:00 A.M. and to inspect the relevant official record of various Depots on 21.07.2020, 28.07.2020 and 04.08.2020 at 11:00 A.M. respectively so that the appellant could identify the information.

Sh. Amanveer Singh Tiwana, PIO-cum-Traffic Manager, who appeared in person with Sh. Narender Kumar, Sr. Assistant, in today's hearing, states that the concerned officials of various depots were available on the fixed dates as directed vide orders dated 07.07.2020 but the appellant has not visited the office to inspect the official record to identify the information.

The appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he could not visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the official record and requests the Commission to give directions to the respondent PIO to give a reply, to the gueries raised by him through RTI request, in an affidavit.

The respondent-PIO is directed to send a proper point-wise reply to the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request in an affidavit, by the next date of hearing. He is also direct to send that affidavit to the appellant though registered post within three weeks from today and send a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

The case is adjourned to 21st October, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) Date :17th September, 2020 **State Information Commissioner** Punjab Note : Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '918782948'



... Appellant

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First Appellate Authority, O/o The Managing Director, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation (P.R.T.C.), Nabha Road, Patiala (Punjab) ...Appellant

...Respondents

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Appeal Case No. 2612 of 2019

Present : S

Sh. Jaspal Singh, the appellant in person.i) Sh. Amanveer Singh Tiwana, PIO-cum-Traffic Manager, in person ;

ii) Sh. Narender Kumar, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 07.07.2020 and adjourned for

16.09.20 (could not held due to technical error) and fixed for hearing for today i. e. 17.09 .2020.

On the hearing, held on 07.07.2020, respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect relevant official record of Head Office on 14.07.2020 at 11:00 A. M. and to inspect the relevant official record of various Depots on 21.07.2020, 28.07.2020 and 04.08.2020 at 11:00 A. M respectively so that the appellant could identify the information.

Sh. Amanveer Singh Tiwana, PIO-cum-Traffic Manager, who appeared in person with Sh. Narender Kumar, Sr. Assistant, in today's hearing, states that the concerned officials of various depots were available on the fixed dates as directed vide orders dated 07.07.2020 but the appellant has not visited the office to inspect the official record to identify the information.

The appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he could not visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the official record and requests the Commission to give directions to the respondent PIO to give a reply, to the queries raised by him through RTI request, in an affidavit.

The respondent-PIO is directed to send a proper point-wise reply to the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request in an affidavit, by the next date of hearing. He is also direct to send that affidavit to the appellant though registered post within three weeks from today and send a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

The case is adjourned to 21st October, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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