

(Regd. Post) Inderjeet  
S/o Sh. Kundan Lal,  
Street No. 5/1,  
Post Office Wali Gali,  
Raama – 151301,  
Distt. - Bathinda(Punjab) .... Complainant

V/s

i)  
(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

ii)  
(Regd. Post) The Chief Vigilance Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
(General Branch),  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh ...Respondents

Encl : RTI request

**Complaint Case No. 259 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Inderjeet, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Rajeev Saggarr, Superintendent-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 23.12.2020. The complaint has been received in the

Commission on 02.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.01.2022,

- i) Sh. Rajesh, Junior Assistant office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the complainant vide letter no. 21 dated 17.08.2021 and the complainant put his signatures on 18.08.2021 as an acknowledgement.
- ii) The complainant stated that he had demanded action taken report on complaints dated 04.01.2020, 17.02.2020, 18.02.2020 pending in Vigilance Cell, which were given to him by the concerned respondent PIO.
- iii) As the RTI request filed by the appellant is addressed to State Public Information Officer office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh and the information demanded through RTI request is regarding complaints dated 04.01.2020, 17.02.2020, 18.02.2020 pending in Vigilance Cell. Hence, PIO office of Chief Vigilance Officer of Vigilance Cell was directed to supply the required information to as per queries raised through RTI request to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama was exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case .

The appellant, Sh. Inderjeet , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

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Sh. Rajeev Saggar, Superintendent-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information demanded through RTI request is regarding action taken report on complaints dated 04.01.2020, 17.02.2020, 18.02.2020 pending in Vigilance Cell for enquiry regarding material used for construction of streets and a reply was given to the appellant vide letter no. 106 dated 12.01.2021 and again vide letter no. 4043-44 dated 25.10.2021, intimating him that no action was taken on the above-said complaints and accurate information can be availed from the General Branch. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1485-86 dated 11.04.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

As the information demanded through RTI request relates with office of General Branch, hence, PIO office of General Branch be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, by the next date of hearing.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which would be supplied to the complainant) with the relevant official record in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission. He is also advised to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared

Sh. Rajeev Saggar, Superintendent-cum-APIO, has requested to exempt him from personal appearance in further hearing of this case.

The request is granted and he is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case and a copy of this order be sent to Vigilance Cell for intimation.

A copy of this order be sent to Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, to Ensure presence of the PIO of General Branch before the Commission on the next date fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties through registered post.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

The Chief Vigilance Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
(Vigilance Cell),  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh



Tirlochan Singh,  
848-A, MIG Flats,  
Jamalpur Colony,  
Ludhiana - 141010 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1019 of 2021

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

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 15.08.2020. First appeal is dated 14.12.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.02.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.01.2022,

- i) Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell), stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant time and again.
- ii) Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared for the appellant, stated that information at point no. 03 is still pending.
- iii) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a proper reply to the remaining query raised by the appellant at point no. 03 of the RTI request with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the reply or not.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Tirlochan Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to intimate the Commission whether the remaining information at point no. 03 of the RTI request, is supplied to the appellant and an opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the remaining information or the case would be decided for non-pursuance.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Ms. Tara Rani  
W/o Sh. Jaswant rai,  
Ward No. 11, Gandhi Nagar,  
Goniana Mandi - 151201,  
Distt. – Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),  
Encl : RTI request Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),  
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1233 of 2021

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

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 24.11.2020. First appeal is dated 04.01.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.01.2022,

- i) Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Junior Assistant, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 109 dated 10.01.2022 through registered post.
- ii) Sh. Ram Manohar, Advocate, who appeared for the appellant, stated that incomplete information was given by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 02 of the RTI request regarding waiting list of SC(RO) female candidates for Teaching Fellows was not been given.
- iii) As Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Junior Assistant is not fully aware of the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request and after three hearings, his (Sh. Rajwinder Singh) oral reply was not accepted and a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- iv) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information at point no. 02 of the RTI request, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not.

Neither the appellant, Ms. Tara Rani nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to intimate the Commission whether the remaining information at point no. 02 of the RTI request, is supplied to the appellant and an opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the remaining information or the case would be decided for non-pursuance.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Malkiat Singh S/o Sh. Jeet Singh,  
H. No. 230, Ward No. 07,  
Mohalla Subash Nagar,  
Sunam Udham Singh Wala,  
Distt. – Sangrur - 148028(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Tehsildar,  
Court Complex,  
Sunam, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Sunam, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1907 of 2021

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

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 02.12.2020. First appeal is dated 09.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.04.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.01.2022,

- i) The appellant stated that incomplete information was given to him by the respondent.
- ii) Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Tehsildar, Sunam, stated that part information (at point no. 03) i. e. copies of log-book, receipt and dispatch register of date 23.04.2018 were supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 779 dated 04.01.2021 and for remaining information, which is regarding order of appointment of Naib Tehsildar, Sh. Manmohan Singh, he intimated that there is no written order, only on verbal order appointment was done.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a written reply to the queries raised at point no. 01 and 02 of RTI request, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received information.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Malkiat Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 54 dated 25.01.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 2033 dated 02.02.2022, has intimated the Commission that a reply has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 53 dated 25.01.2022. It is taken on record.

Last opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the above-mentioned reply or not.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is also given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

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

....Appellant

V/s

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

Encl : letter dated 18.04.2022

ii) Sh. Jaspal Singh ,  
The Range Forest Officer,  
Dolbaha,  
Distt. - Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

Encl : letter dated 18.04.2022

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3076 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Jaspal Singh, Range Forest Officer, Dolbaha, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 27.02.2020. First appeal is dated 18.05.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.10.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.01.2022,

- i) The appellant stated that incomplete information was given to him by the respondent PIO as through RTI request he demanded information of ten (10) contractors and only information of Four (04) contractors was given to him.
- ii) The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 14.01.2022 to identify the remaining information and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has visited the office of the respondent on 14.01.2022, identified the information but incomplete information has been given to the appellant by the respondent PIO. He also states that he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information vide a letter dated 18.04.2022. It is taken on record.

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Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant through letter dated 18.04.2022, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. A copy of the letter dated 18.04.2022 be sent to the respondent through registered post.

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

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed

The case is adjourned to 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties .

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Encl : letter dated 18.04.2022

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Anil Kumar  
S/o Sh. Walaiti Ram,  
'Gulati General Store',  
Dhobian Wali Gali, Subash Bazar,  
KHANNA, Distt. – Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, (By Name)  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Khanna,  
Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner  
(Urban Development),  
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 139 of 2020

Present : Sh. Narender Kumar on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Surinder Pal Chowdhary, Building Inspector(Technical), for the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 19.08.2019. First appeal is dated 17.10.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2019.

- On the last date of hearing, held on 12.01.2022,
- i) Sh. Narender Kumar, who appeared for the appellant stated that no information was given by the respondent PIO.
  - ii) Sh. Surinder Pal Chowdhary, Building Inspector(Technical), stated that the relevant official-record (connected with the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request) is ready and the appellant can inspect the same to identify the required information.
  - iii) The appellant or his representative was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 12.01.2022 to identify the required information.
  - iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information (identified after inspection) to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
  - v) An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.



Sh. Narender Kumar, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Anil Kumar in today's hearing, orally states that he has visited the office of the respondent on 12.01.2022, identified the information but incomplete information has been given to the appellant by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Surinder Pal Chowdhary, Building Inspector(Technical), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information (identified during inspection) has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 136 dated 13.01.2022 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 137 dated 13.01.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1229 dated 20.01.2022. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed

The case is adjourned to 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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H. S. Hundal, Advocate,  
Chamber No. 203, Judicial Courts,  
Sector 76, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) - 160071 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The State Transport Commissioner,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 409 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 31.10.2019. First appeal is dated 01.12.2019. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.01.2022,

- i) Sh. Shyam Lal Sharma, Asstt. Transport Officer, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant time and again.
- ii) The appellant stated that information at point no. 01 of the RTI request is pending.
- iii) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the remaining information at point no. 01 of the RTI request to the appellant with a copy to Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not.

The appellant, Sh. H. S. Hundal, Advocate, through an e-mail dated 18.04.2022, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 01 of the RTI request is still pending. He also intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing. It is taken on record.

Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally intimates that Sh. Shyam Lal Sharma, Asstt. Transport Officer (the then PIO) has been transferred.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a supply the remaining information at point no. 01 of the RTI request to the appellant with a copy to Commission, by the next date of hearing.

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

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An opportunity is also given to the PIO concerned, who is Sh. Tirath Singh, Junior Assistant (as per version of Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk), presently posted at office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala to appear in person before the Commission and bring a copy of the information (which was/would supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent him through registered post.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

The case is adjourned to 3<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

(Regd. Post) Sh. Tirath Singh,  
Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Patiala (Punjab)

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta  
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,  
Mandi Mullanpur,  
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Jagraon,  
District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,  
Urban Local Bodies, Pb.,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2608 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Raman Kumar, Superintendent(Sanitation), on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.07.2019. First appeal is dated 11.07.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.01.2022,

- i) The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, stated that remaining information was not given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Sh. Sham Kumar, Sanitary Inspector, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant and penalty of Rs. 5000/- (imposed vide orders dated 16.12.2020) was deposited.
- iii) Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the remaining information already supplied to the appellant alongwith a copy postal/acknowledgement receipt to the Commission.

Sh. Raman Kumar, Superintendent(Sanitation), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that Sh. Sham Lal, Sanitary Inspector (the then PIO) has been transferred and he has joined recently in the office. He also states that available information of seven pages has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 676 dated 11.04.2022 and a reply stating that no other information other than supplied information is available in the official record has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 676 dated 11.04.2022, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and he has pointed deficiencies through a letter dated 18.04.2022. A copy of the same is taken on record.

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**An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO, who is Ashok Kumar, PIO-cum-Executive Officer of office of Nagar Council, Jagraon, to appear in person before the Commission and bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent him through registered post.**

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

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is **adjourned to 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

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

(Regd. Post) Sh. Ashok Kumar,  
Public Information Officer,  
-cum- Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Jagraon,  
District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta  
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,  
Mandi Mullanpur,  
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Jagraon,  
District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,  
Urban Local Bodies, Pb.,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3450 of 2018

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Raman Kumar, Superintendent(Sanitation), on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.07.2019. First appeal is dated 11.07.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.01.2022,

- i) The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, stated that remaining information was not given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Sh. Sham Kumar, Sanitary Inspector, could not make himself available to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case due to technical fault in connection of network.
- iii) The respondent PIO through an e-mail dated 10.01.2022, had intimated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant and penalty of Rs. 5000/- (imposed vide orders dated 16.12.2020) was deposited.
- iv) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the remaining information already supplied to the appellant alongwith a copy of postal/acknowledgement receipt to the Commission.

Sh. Raman Kumar, Superintendent(Sanitation), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that Sh. Sham Kumar, Sanitary Inspector (the then PIO) has been transferred and he has joined recently in the office. He also states that available information of eight pages has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 678 dated 11.04.2022 and a reply stating that no other information other than supplied information is available in the official record has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 679 dated 11.04.2022, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and he has pointed deficiencies through a letter dated 18.04.2022. A copy of the same is taken on record.

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As Sh. Raman Kumar, Superintendent(Sanitation), is not fully aware of the facts of this case, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO, who is Ashok Kumar, PIO-cum-Executive Officer of office of Nagar Council, Jagraon, to appear in person before the Commission and bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent him through registered post.

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

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta  
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,  
Mandi Mullanpur,  
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Jagraon,  
District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,  
Urban Local Bodies, Pb.,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3451 of 2018

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Raman Kumar, Superintendent(Sanitation), on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.07.2019. First appeal is dated 11.07.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.01.2022,

- i) The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, stated that remaining information was not given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Sh. Sham Kumar, Sanitary Inspector, could not make himself available to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case due to technical fault in connection of network.
- iii) The respondent PIO through an e-mail dated 10.01.2022, had intimated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant and penalty of Rs. 5000/- (imposed vide orders dated 16.12.2020) was deposited.
- iv) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the remaining information already supplied to the appellant alongwith a copy of postal/acknowledgement receipt to the Commission.

Sh. Raman Kumar, Superintendent(Sanitation), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that Sh. Sham Kumar, Sanitary Inspector (the then PIO) has been transferred and he has joined recently in the office. He also states that the required information has already been supplied to the appellant and if any information found pending, an opportunity was given to the appellant through letter vide no. 680 dated 11.04.2022 to inspect the relevant official record on 13.04.2022 but he did not visit the office and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 681 dated 11.04.2022, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.



Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO today itself i. e. 18.04.2022 to identify the remaining information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office and to supply the required information to the appellant ( which would be identified by him after inspection) with a copy to the Commission

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO, who is Ashok Kumar, PIO-cum- Executive Officer of office of Nagar Council, Jagraon, to appear in person before the Commission and bring a copy of the information (which was/would already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent him through registered post.

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

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Lajpat Rai Garg S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,  
Romana Street, Jaito,  
Tehsil – Jaito, District – Faridkot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2153 of 2021

Present : Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg , the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 29.01.2021. First appeal is dated 06.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.01.2022,

- i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, Superintendent (LG – III) Branch, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 361 dated 15.02.2021 intimating him that the information sought by him (appellant) is not clear and an opportunity was given to him (appellant) to mention date of the complaints (regarding which information demanded) and but he did not communicate with the office, moreover, the RTI request dated 29.01.2021 was forwarded to this Branch to deal but not transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act.
- ii) The appellant stated that information demanded through RTI request does not relate with LG-III Branch and he filed RTI request to PIO office of Director Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh and no information was given to him by the respondent PIO. As the RTI request dated 29.01.2021 is addressed to PIO office of Director Local Government, Punjab and not any single document was sent to the Commission intimating that whether any information given to the appellant or any reply sent to the appellant or RTI request was transferred or any other correspondence was not received in the Commission till date.
- iii) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission and also to ensure compliance of the order dated 10.11.2022, by paying penalty (imposed upon the concerned PIO) in the Treasury of Punjab Government and a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission

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

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that in the instant appeal-case, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker and a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab vide orders dated 10.11.2021.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission and also to ensure compliance of the order dated 10.11.2021, by paying penalty (imposed upon the concerned PIO) 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 next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

A copy of this order be sent alongwith orders dated 25.08.2021, 10.11.2021 and 12.01.2022 through registered post to i)Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Govt., Punjab and ii) Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh to ensure the presence of the concerned PIO on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' and also to ensure the compliance of the above-announced order.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

(Regd. Post) i) The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

Encl : orders dated 25.08.2021, 10.11.2021  
and 12.01.2022

(Regd. Post) ii) The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

Encl : orders dated 25.08.2021, 10.11.2021  
and 12.01.2022

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Lajpat Rai Garg S/o Sh. Harbans lal,  
Romana Street, Jaito, Tehsil – Jaito,  
District – Faridkot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2174 of 2021

Present : Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg , the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 10.02.2020. First appeal is dated 16.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 12.01.2022,

- i) The appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, stated that information given to him by the respondent PIO at point no. 01 is un-attested and no information was given at point no. 02, 03 and 04 of the RTI request.
- ii) Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant(General Branch), stated that the appellant inspected the relevant official record but did not identify any information to be supplied. She also requested that if appellant would be more specific for what he demands, information would be provided to him positively.
- iii) The appellant was advised to specify the particulars of the remaining information, in writing, to the respondent PIO concerned, so that the respondent PIO could supply him the required information.
- iv) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information (specified by the appellant), to him.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 10346 dated 22.03.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 6702 dated 31.03.2022, has intimated the Commission that the appellant has not specified the particulars of the remaining information, in writing, to the respondent office as directed vide orders dated 12.01.2022.

Another opportunity is also given to the appellant to specify the particulars of the remaining information, in writing, to the respondent PIO concerned, so that the respondent PIO could supply him the required information or the case would be decided on merits.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information which would be specified by the appellant, to him by registered post by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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**P.S. :**

Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant(General Branch), appeared on behalf of the respondent, after the hearing of the instant appeal case was over. She was read out the above order .

The case stands adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Bhajan Dass  
S/o Sh. Goma Ram,

V.P.O. – Bhagwanpura,  
Malout - 152107(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Panchayat Secretary,  
Gram Panchayat,  
Water Supply Committee,  
Bhagwanpura,  
Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,  
Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1255 of 2021

Present : Sh. Vikul Puri, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 23.10.2020. First appeal is dated 22.12.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.01.2022,

- i) Sh. Vikul Puri, Advocate (representative of the appellant) stated that the appellant has not received any information till date in the instant appeal case.
- ii) After examining the documents placed on record, it emerged that the required information is to be supplied by the office of Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Bhagwanpura, hence, PIO of office of Public Information Officer office of Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Bhagwanpura was impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him in his RTI request.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- iv) After examining the documents placed on record, it also emerged that in the instant appeal-case, vide orders dated 08.11.2021, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon the concerned PIO office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib. As the required information does not relate with office of Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Malout and relates with office of Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Bhagwanpura, hence the orders dated 08.11.2021 passed by the Commission through which penalty of Rs. 10, 000/- was imposed, was withdrawn.

Sh. Vikul Puri, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Bhajan Dass in today's hearing, states that the appellant has not received any information till date in the instant appeal case .

Neither the respondent PIO office of Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Bhagwanpura, nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

As Gram Panchayats come under office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Malout , hence, Public Information Officer office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Malout be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information (after collecting the same from the concerned office) to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, by the next date of hearing. He is directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' .

A copy of this order be sent to i) Additional Deputy Commissioner, SriMuktsar Sahib ; ii) Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Malout ; and ; iii) District Development and Panchayat Officer, SriMuktsar Sahib and iii) through registered post alongwith earlier orders 08.11.2021 and dated 17.01.2022 to ensure compliance of the above-announced order so that facts of this case could be cleared.

A copy of this order be sent to PIO office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Malout for intimation.

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

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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(Regd. Post)                      i)        The Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)  
Encl : orders dated 17.01.2022

(Regd. Post)                      ii)        The Block Development and  
Panchayat Officer,  
Malout, Distt. - SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)  
Encl : orders dated 17.01.2022

(Regd. Post)                      iii)        The District Development and  
Panchayat Officer,  
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)  
Encl : orders dated 17.01.2022

iv)        Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,  
Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) Sewa Singh  
S/o Sh. Bakhtaur Singh,  
V.P.O. – Gige Majra,  
Teh. & Distt. Mohali - 140307(Punjab) .....Appellant  
V/s

(Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply & Sanitation,  
Division – 3, S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chairman,  
Gram Panchayat Water Supply  
and Sanitation Committee,  
Gige Majra,  
S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply & Sanitation,  
Division – 3, S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab) ...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1203 of 2021

Present : Sh. Sewa Singh , the appellant in person.  
Ms. Simran Kaur, Sub Divisional Engineer O/o Water Supply & Sanitation Division  
No. - 3, S. A. S. Nagar , on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 07.09.2017. First appeal is dated 15.02.2018. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.01.2022,

- i) The appellant, Sh. Sewa Singh, stated that information at point no. 06, 07 and 08 is pending.
- ii) Ms. Simran Kaur, Sub Divisional Engineer, stated that available information was supplied to the appellant and information at point no. 06, 07 and 08 relates with office of Chairman, Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar.
- iii) Neither the respondent PIO office of Chairman, Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar nor any of his representative was present.
- iv) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO office of Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar to supply the certified copies of the information to the appellant.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Sewa Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing in the office of the Commission, states that information at point no. 06, 07 and 08 is still pending.

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Ms. Simran Kaur, Sub Divisional Engineer office of Water Supply & Sanitation Division no. - 3, S. A. S. Nagar, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant and information at point no. 06, 07 and 08 relates with office of Chairman, Gram Panchayat Water Supply Committee Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO has sent a point-wise reply (for remaining information) through a letter dated Nil, signed by Chairman, Gram Panchayat Water Supply and Sanitation Committee, Gige Majra, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 4914 dated 09.03.2022. It is taken on record and a copy of the same is also handed over to the appellant during the proceeding of the instant appeal-case.

As the respondent has sent the above-mentioned reply to the Commission not to the appellant, hence, directions are hereby given to PIO office of Chairman, Gram Panchayat Water Supply and Sanitation Committee, Gige Majra to send the above-said reply under his signature to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information/reply or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties through registered post.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Tejinder Singh, Advocate,  
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,  
Backside Sanjh Kender,  
Phillaur - 144410 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 2061 of 2021**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector (Town Planning Wing), on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 21.11.2020. First appeal is dated 29.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.04.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.01.2022,

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, was not present .

- i) Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector (Town Planning Wing), stated available information was supplied to the appellant and remaining information is regarding encroachment on a land situated at Sherpur Kalan, Ludhiana, which relates with office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and hence, RTI request of the appellant was transferred vide letter no. 3676-77 dated 28.12.2020 to Public Information Officer office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act with an intimation to the appellant.
- ii) Sh. Rohit Thakur, Building Clerk office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1979 dated 17.11.2021.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector (Town Planning Wing) office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, appeared in today's hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, through an e-mail dated 18.04.2022 has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO. It is taken on record.

As the appellant has not pointed out any deficiency through letter dated 18.04.2022, hence, last opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission or the case would be decided on merits.

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

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :18<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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