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



Sh. Ravi Kant S/o Sh. Sansari Lal,
R/o Krishan Bazaar, Ward Number 04, Dhariwal.
M: 9646500396

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director, Local Govt. of Punjab, Sector 35-A,
Municipal Bhawan, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director, Local Govt. of Punjab, Sector 35-A,
Municipal Bhawan, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 654 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant is present.
Sh. Rajiv Saggur, PIO O/o Chief Vigilance Office is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 19.11.2020, the date of First Appeal is 27.11.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 25.01.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that no information has been supplied to the Appellant and further requests for the same.

On the other hand, the PIO, Sh. Rajiv Saggur states that as per the Appellant's RTI dated 19.11.2020, the information relating to point number 01 and point number 04 relates with the Chief Vigilance Branch and the information relating to these two points (i.e. 01 and 04) have been supplied. He further states that the information relating to point number 02, 03, 05 and 06 would be supplied by the Accounts Branch. In relating to this, he also mentions about an email dated 18.05.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and the same is taken on record.

In view of above, the PIO O/o The Director, Local Govt. of Punjab (**Accounts Branch**), Madhya Marg, Chandigarh be impleaded as a party and further the PIO is directed to supply the information relating to point number 02, 03, 05 and 06 of the RTI Application to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing 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 Appellant till date. **A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post along with the RTI Application.**

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant 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 **11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **all the concerned parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **11.08.2021** 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.

Dated: 18.05.2021

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director, Local Govt. of Punjab,
Accounts Branch, Sector 35-A, Municipal Bhawan, Chandigarh.
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Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts,

House Number B-V-1534, Street No. 01, Lajpat Nagar,

Abohar, Tehsil Abohar, Distt. Fazilka (152116) Pb. M: 98767-23012

V/s.

Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab,

Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

{Encl. RTI Application}

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab,

Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 730 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 11.11.2020, the date of First Appeal is 12.12.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 29.01.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar states that whatever information has been received by him is incomplete in nature. He further mentions about the deficiencies letter as well as email dated 01.04.2021 which has been sent to the Commission along with the Department and the same is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department. Also, an email as well as letter dated 17.03.2021 has been received in the Commission from the Department and the same is taken on record.

In view of above, it is found that the deficiency which has been pointed out by the Appellant through his letter or email is not clear. So, the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies **(point wise and clearly)** in written to the Respondent/PIO through registered post and through email, with a copy to the Commission within 15 - 20 days.

Also, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the information again to the Appellant after removing the deficiencies (as pointed out by Appellant) by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date. **A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post along with the RTI Application.**

This case is adjourned to 11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the concerned parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 11.08.2021 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. Hemen Aggarwal, (Advocate),
S/o Sh. Rajeshwar Aggarwal,
R/o 696 FF, Omaxe Cassia, Sector 15, New Chandigarh.
M: 9915503308

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director General of Police, Punjab,
Police Headquarters, Sector -9, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 744 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Hemen Aggarwal is absent.
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, ASI is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 17.08.2020, the date of First Appeal is 29.10.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 01.02.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent / PIO, ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh states that the information which comprises of 03 pages have been sent to the Appellant and further states that the record of the concerned branch has been destroyed due to fire, in relating to this everything has been explained and sent to the Appellant as well vide registered post dated 24.12.2020.

He further mentions about an email dated 22.04.2021 and a letter dated 21.04.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and the same is taken on record.

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

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Hemen Aggarwal is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Meeting Software and he is also directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies **(point wise)** in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission within 15 - 20 days, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and case will be decided on merits.

Also, the concerned PIO is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Meeting Software and **further the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason (as mentioned by Sh. Kuldeep Singh), why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.**

This case is adjourned to 11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the concerned parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 11.08.2021 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: 18.05.2021

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Sh. Jagjeet Singh,
R/o Aman Nagar, Street No. 03, Backside Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar Bypass, Ludhiana. M: 99142-48131

V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Department of Local Govt., Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Department of Local Govt., Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 772 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Jagjeet Singh is present.
Sh. Rajiv Saggarr, PIO O/o Chief Vigilance Office is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 10.08.2020, the date of First Appeal is 17.11.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 03.02.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jagjeet Singh states that the Department is not giving the exact status and he further states that he had made so many complaints against illegal constructions on non-compoundable area but nothing has been done from the Department side.

On the other hand, PIO, Sh. Rajiv Saggarr states that they have asked the same from the concerned department i.e. Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and it has been found that against the concerned building as per P.S.C Act 1976 under section 269 (1), 270 (1) a notice number 21679 dated 27.02.2020 was issued and against that notice a compromised fees of Rs. 36,852/- had been deposited to the Treasury of Municipal Corporation by the concerned on dated 18.06.2020 and the same has been written in the letter dated 1662 dated 13.05.2020 which has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 13.05.2021 and the same is taken on record.

In view of above, it has been observed that whatever Sh. Rajiv has mentioned is the action taken by the O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and not by the O/o The Department of Local Govt., Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh. So, the concerned PIO is directed to look in to this matter again and clarify the facts what action has been taken by O/o The Department of Local Govt., Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh against the concerned complaint that has been done by the Appellant to them mentioned in this RTI Application.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex Meeting Software and further PIO is directed to supply the proper information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Jagjeet 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 11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and all the concerned parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 11.08.2021 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. Baljeet Singh, Civil Engineer, (RTI Activist),
64-H, B.R.S Nagar, Ludhiana (141012) M: 76965-00015

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Secretary, Department of Local Bodies,
Punjab Government, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Secretary, Department of Local Bodies,
Punjab Government, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 872 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Baljeet Singh is present.
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant from O/o Local Govt. Chandigarh along with
Sh. Charanjit Singh, Superintendent from O/o MC, Ludhiana is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 02.11.2020, the date of First Appeal is 04.12.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 09.02.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Baljeet Singh states that vague replies has been supplied to him from the Department. He further mentions about his email dated 17.05.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and the same is taken on record.

On the other hand, Superintendent, Sh. Charanjit Singh from O/o MC, Ludhiana states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and he further mentions about a letter vide endorsement number 11777 dated 23.03.2021 and email dated 13.05.2021 which has been sent to the Commission from the Department and the same is taken on record.

After having the point wise discussion with the parties, it has been observed that the concerned person has not been relieved from the Department and further Sh. Charanjit Singh states that the reply has to be given by the Department of Local Government. To which, Sh. Kuldeep Singh from O/o Local Govt. states that the reply has to be given by the O/o MC, Ludhiana.

Sh. Charanjit Singh, Superintendent from O/o MC, Ludhiana further requests the Court if the Appellant could visit their concerned office on any working day, so that it would be more clear that what information is pending from their end.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the **concerned office on 19.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M. i.e. Wednesday positively for clarifying the facts and collect the information after identifying the same (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 concerned 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.

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The concerned PIO is 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 11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and all the concerned parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 11.08.2021 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. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, (M: 98884 - 90031),
H. No. 60-35-P-330, Street No. 08, Maha Singh Nagar,
P.O. Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana (141014)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director, Department of Local Bodies,
Punjab Government, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director, Department of Local Bodies,
Punjab Government, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 878 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal is present along with the Appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh.
Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 16.11.2020, the date of First Appeal is 20.12.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 09.02.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal states that no information has been supplied to him

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Vikas Kumar states that the RTI request of the Appellant is in question form. He further mentions about the letter dated 22.03.2021 and copy of letter dated 09.12.2020 which has been sent to the Commission and the same is taken on record.

After going through the RTI Application it is observed that the information which has been requested by the Appellant is not question form.

To which, Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant requests the Court if the Appellant could visit at their office and collect the specific record as the information is voluminous in nature.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the **concerned office on 19.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M. i.e. Wednesday positively for collecting the specific information after identifying the same (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 concerned 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 concerned PIO and Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant 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 11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 11.08.2021 which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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H. No. 60-35-P-330, Street No. 08, Maha Singh Nagar,
P.O. Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana (141014)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer, (Elementary), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer, (Elementary), Ludhiana.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 880 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal is present along with the Appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh.
Sh. Major Singh, Legal Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 20.11.2020, the date of First Appeal is 20.12.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 09.02.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal states that no information has been supplied to him

On the other hand, the Legal Assistant, Sh. Major Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh vide dated 06.01.2021.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant **again** by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The concerned PIO is also directed to submit the copy of postal receipts to the Commission through email vide which information would have been sent to the Appellant.

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

This case is adjourned to **11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **11.08.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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(Regd. Post) Sh. P D Bansal, Lok Sewa Club,
94, City Homes Colony, Near Spring Dale School,
Khanna (141401) M: 9855783747

Complainant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Additional Chief Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Compliant Case No. 166 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Complainant, Sh. P.D. Bansal is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 27.06.2020 and the date of Complainant filed in the Commission is 02.02.2021.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. P.D. Bansal is connected through Cisco Webex but due to internet error his voice was not audible.

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

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a letter vide endorsement number 16930 dated 26.04.2021 has been received in the Commission vide which the O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh has directed the office of The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna to reply to the Appellant against his RTI and to appear in today's hearing, but no one appeared from the Department.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is advised to supply the requisite information to the Complainant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing 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.

The concerned PIO is also advised to submit the copy of postal receipts to the Commission through email vide which information would have been sent to the Appellant.

A copy of this order along with the RTI Application be sent to the PIO O/o The EO, Municipal Council, Khanna through registered post.

Also, the Complainant, Sh. P D Bansal is advised 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 11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 11.08.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Distt. Ludhiana (141101) M: 98149-24851

V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director, Local Government, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director, Local Government, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 853 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 09.03.2020, which was filed in the office of PIO under Section 7 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The date of First Appeal is 18.03.2020. The date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 18.02.2021 under 'Life & Liberty' clause, which was allocated to the bench of the undersigned to be considered under General Category vide office note dated 22.02.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta states that he is satisfied with the information relating to para number 1 only and apart from that no information has been supplied to him.

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

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a copy of letter vide endorsement number 20952 dated 08.06.2021 has already been attached in the file from the Appellant's side while filing the case in the Commission vide which the O/o Director Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh has transferred the RTI to the office of The Senior Town Planner, Local Govt. Punjab under Section 6 (3).

In view of above, the concerned PIO i.e. O/o The Director, Local Govt. Punjab, **Senior Town Planner**, Chandigarh is impleaded as a party and he is further directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The concerned PIO is also directed to submit the copy of postal receipts to the Commission through email vide which information would have been sent to the Appellant.

A copy of this order along with the RTI Application be sent to the PIO O/o The Director, Local Govt. Punjab, Senior Town Planner, Sector 35, Chandigarh through registered post.

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

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Appellant

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Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.
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First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary, Local Government, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 861 of 2021
{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta is present.
Ms. Kuldeep Kaur, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 14.03.2020, which was filed in the office of PIO under Section 7 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The date of First Appeal is 20.01.2021. The date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 18.02.2021 under 'Life & Liberty' clause, which was allocated to the bench of the undersigned to be considered under General Category vide office note dated 22.02.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, Ms. Kuldeep Kaur, Senior Assistant connected late through Cisco Webex Meeting Software and by that time the hearing of this present case was over.

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

The concerned PIO is also directed to submit the copy of postal receipts to the Commission through email vide which information would have been sent to the Appellant.

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

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

This case is adjourned to 11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 11.08.2021 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.

Dated: 18.05.2021

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta (Advocate),
R/o: 8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt. Ludhiana (141101) **M: 98149-24851**

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director, Local Government, Govt. of Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Municipal Bhawan, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director, Local Government, Govt. of Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Municipal Bhawan, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 862 of 2021

{ Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 08.06.2020, which was filed in the office of PIO under Section 7 (1) of the RTI Act, 2005. The date of First Appeal is 09.08.2020. The date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 18.02.2021 under 'Life & Liberty' clause, which was allocated to the bench of the undersigned to be considered under General Category vide office note dated 22.02.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta states that no information has been supplied to him.

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

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a letter vide endorsement number 18824 dated 08.06.2021 and vide letter endorsement number 18822 dated 10.05.2021, the Public Information Officer – cum - Superintendent (Admin), Directorate, Local Govt. Punjab has directed the O/o Deputy Director, Local Govt. Ludhiana and O/o Superintendent, Local Govt. Punjab, (S.S -3 Branch), Chandigarh to supply the information to the Appellant and to appear before the Court in today's hearing but they failed to do so.

In view of above, the PIO O/o Deputy Director, Local Govt. Ludhiana and O/o Superintendent, Local Govt. Punjab, (S.S -3 Branch), Chandigarh be impleaded as a necessary party and both the PIO's are further directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The concerned PIO's are also directed to submit the copy of postal receipts to the Commission through email vide which information would have been sent to the Appellant.

A copy of this order along with the RTI Application be sent to the PIO O/o Deputy Director, Local Govt. Ludhiana and O/o Superintendent, Local Govt. Punjab, (S.S -3 Branch), Chandigarh through registered post.



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

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dated: 18.05.2021

CC:

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer :

O/o The Deputy Director, Local Government,
Ludhiana.

{ Encl RTI Application }

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer :

O/o The Superintendent, (S.S -3 Branch),
O/o The Director, Local Government, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

(Encl. RTI Application)

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Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director, Local Government, Govt. of Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Municipal Bhawan, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director, Local Government, Govt. of Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Municipal Bhawan, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 701 of 2021

{ Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar is absent.
Sh. Jung Singh, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 22.10.2020, the date of First Appeal is 24.11.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 29.01.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar is absent.

On the other hand, Sh. Jung Singh, Senior Assistant states that the Appellant has made a complaint against the O/o the Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mansa and for the same on 19.08.2020 the PIO –cum- Superintendent of General Branch, Local Govt., Chandigarh has directed the O/o Regional Deputy Director, Bathinda and to the O/o the Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mansa to look into this matter and supply the information to the Appellant accordingly. He further states that the same has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 18.05.2021 and email has been taken on record.

In view of above, the PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mansa and O/o Regional Deputy Director, Bathinda be impleaded as a necessary party and both the PIO's are further directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The concerned PIO's are also directed to submit the copy of postal receipts to the Commission through email vide which information would have been sent to the Appellant.

A copy of this order along with the RTI Application be sent to the PIO O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mansa and O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Bathinda through registered post.

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

This case is adjourned to 11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 11.08.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

CC:

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer :

O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council,
Mansa
{ Encl RTI Application }

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer :

O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Bathinda
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Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary, Department of Local Bodies,
Punjab Government, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary, Department of Local Bodies,
Punjab Government, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 719 of 2021

{ Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal is present along with the Appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh. Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 07.10.2020, the date of First Appeal is 09.11.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 29.01.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal states that no information has been supplied to him

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Jaswinder Singh states that as two cases are pending in Punjab and Haryana High Court vide Civil Writ Petition No. 31357 of 2018 and 6507 of 2018, so due to which the information could not be supplied to the Appellant. For the same, a point wise reply has been submitted to the Commission as well vide endorsement number 19738 dated 13.05.2021 and the same is taken on record.

To which, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal denies the statement of the Respondent / PIO.

On which, Sh. Jaswinder Singh requests the Court if the Appellant could visit at their office and collect the specific record which he requires as per his RTI Application.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the **concerned office on 19.05.2021 at 03.00 P.M. i.e. Wednesday positively for collecting the specific information after identifying the same (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 concerned 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 concerned PIO and Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant 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 11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 11.08.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Appellant

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Punjab Government, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary, Department of Local Bodies,
Punjab Government, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 725 of 2021

{ Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal is present along with the Appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh. Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 07.11.2020, the date of First Appeal is 07.12.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 29.01.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal states that no information has been supplied to him

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Jaswinder Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and further requests the Court to go through letter vide endorsement number 17891 dated 03.05.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and the same is taken on record.

He further requests the Court if the Appellant is not satisfied then he could visit at their office and collect the specific record which he requests as per his RTI Application.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the **concerned office on 19.05.2021 at 03.00 P.M. i.e. Wednesday positively for collecting the specific information after identifying the same (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 concerned 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 concerned PIO and Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant 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 11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 11.08.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary, Department of Local Government,
Punjab Government, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary, Department of Local Government,
Punjab Government, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 658 of 2021

{ Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh is present.
Ms. Kuldeep Kaur, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 02.11.2020, the date of First Appeal is 09.12.2020 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 27.01.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh states that incomplete information has been supplied to him

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Ms. Kuldeep Kaur states that they did not receive reply from the Office of Deputy Director.

After discussing with both the parties and going through the case file, it has been observed that the Senior Assistant, Ms. Kuldeep Kaur is giving vague replies and further the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**after collecting it from the concerned department**) to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

Also, an email dated 01.04.2021 and a letter dated 31.03.2021 which has been sent to the Commission from the Department is taken on record.

The concerned PIO is also directed to submit the copy of postal receipts to the Commission through email vide which information would have been sent to the Appellant.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Sukhchain 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 **11.08.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **11.08.2021** 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: 18.05.2021

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