



Dilbagh Singh
Village – Bainapur,
P. O. – Pabwan,
Distt. – Jalandhar - 144034(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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. 1205 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Baldeep Singh, Technical Director, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 05.08.2021. First appeal is dated 18.10.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.03.2022.

Sh. Baldeep Singh, Technical Director, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 543 dated 20.04.2022 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Dilbagh Singh is not present in today's hearing but through a letter dated 05.07.2022, has intimated the Commission that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send again the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also 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 or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 7th November, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 18th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Jagsir Singh
S/o Sh. Gian Singh,
H. No. 9/20,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Sidhwan Bet,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1217 of 2022

Present : Sh. Jagsir Singh , the appellant in person.
Sh. Narinderjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat – Liran, on behalf of
the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 30.11.2021. First appeal is dated 03.01.2022. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.03.2022.

Sh. Narinderjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat – Liran, who
appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information
has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1414-16dated 04.04.2022 through
registered post and a reply has also been sent to the Commission, which has been received in the
Commission vide Diary No. 7493 dated 12.04.2022. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information/
annexure with a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jagsir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states
that he has not received the above-said reply till date.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send certified
copies of the required information again to the appellant through registered post within five days
from today, with a copy to the Commission .

An opportunity is also 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.

The case is adjourned to 7th November, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 18th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Rattan Ram
S/o Sh. Kul Chand,
Village – Arneto, Tehsil – Patran,
Distt. – Patiala - 147102(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Patran, Distt. - Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Patran, Distt. - Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1219 of 2022

Present : Sh. Rattan Ram, the appellant in person.
Sh. Jarnail Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Netu on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 13.12.2021. First appeal is dated 19.01.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.03.2022.

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

Sh. Jarnail Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Netu, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information would be supplied to the appellant positively and seeks an adjournment in this case.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send certified copies of the required information again to the appellant through registered post within two days from today, with a copy to the Commission. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send/file a reply, in an affidavit, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to District Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala and Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Patran to ensure compliance of the above-announced order.

The case is adjourned to 7th November, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 18th July, 2022

(Regd. Post)

i) The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Patran, Distt. - Patiala (Punjab)

(Regd. Post)

ii) The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Patran, Distt. - Patiala (Punjab)



Gurmukh Singh
S/o Sh. Gurdial Singh,
Village – Sangowal,
Distt. – Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana - 1 (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1225 of 2022

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 31.05.2021. First appeal is dated 30.07.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.03.2022.

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

The respondent PIO has not sent any forwarding letter (if the information has been sent to the appellant), moreover, the appellant has also not sent any intimation whether he received the information or not.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 7th November, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 18th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Vikul Puri S/o Sh. Kulbhushan Puri,
H. No. 377, PUDA Colony,
Malout (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Bhunerheri, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1230 of 2022

Present : Sh. Vikul Puri, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sandeep Singh, Village Development Officer-cum Panchayat Secretary, on
behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 08.12.2021. First appeal is dated 17.01.2022. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.03.2022.

Sh. Sandeep Singh, Village Development Officer-cum Panchayat Secretary, who
appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply was sent to the
appellant on 28.12.2021 through registered post, intimating him that to collect the certified copies
of the required information demanded through RTI requests in three cases i) AC-1230 of 2022 (the
above-said appeal-case) and two other cases i. e. ii) AC-1231 of 2022 and AC-1232 of 2022, Rs.
4200 be deposited but he did not deposit the required fee as demanded from him (the appellant).
He also states that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1741 dated
15.07.2022 through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Vikul Puri, who appeared in today's hearing, states that no
information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and the respondent PIO has demanded
the fee jointly in three cases not separately .

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it emerges that the RTI
request is dated 08.12.2021 and the respondent PIO has demanded the required fee from the
appellant on 28.12.2021 (collectively for three cases), but the fee demanded is within the
stipulated time as per rules of the Right to Information Act.

Hence, an opportunity is given to respondent PIO to send separate replies to the
appellant mentioning case number, page number and required fee for each case (three cases).

An opportunity is given to the appellant to deposit the required fee to the office of
respondent PIO concerned and take certified copies of the requisite information. The respondent
PIO concerned is also directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant only after
receiving the required fee from him.

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

The case is adjourned to 7th November, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 18th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Vikul Puri S/o Sh. Kulbhushan Puri,
H. No. 377, PUDA Colony,
Malout (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Bhunerheri, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1231 of 2022

Present : Sh. Vikul Puri, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sandeep Singh, Village Development Officer-cum Panchayat Secretary, on
behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 11.12.2021. First appeal is dated 20.12.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.03.2022.

Sh. Sandeep Singh, Village Development Officer-cum Panchayat Secretary, who
appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply was sent to the
appellant on 28.12.2021 through registered post, intimating him that to collect the certified copies
of the required information demanded through RTI requests in three cases i) AC-1230 of 2022 (the
above-said appeal-case) and two other cases i. e. ii) AC-1231 of 2022 and AC-1232 of 2022, Rs.
4200 be deposited but he did not deposit the required fee as demanded from him (the appellant).
He also states that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1741 dated
15.07.2022 through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Vikul Puri, who appeared in today's hearing, states that no
information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and the respondent PIO has demanded
the fee jointly in three cases not separately .

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it emerges that the RTI
request is dated 08.12.2021 and the respondent PIO has demanded the required fee from the
appellant on 28.12.2021 (collectively for three cases), but the fee demanded is within the
stipulated time as per rules of the Right to Information Act.

Hence, an opportunity is given to respondent PIO to send separate replies to the
appellant mentioning case number, page number and required fee for each case (three cases).

An opportunity is given to the appellant to deposit the required fee to the office of
respondent PIO concerned and take certified copies of the requisite information. The respondent
PIO concerned is also directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant only after
receiving the required fee from him.

The case is adjourned to 7th November, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 18th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Vikul Puri S/o Sh. Kulbhushan Puri,
H. No. 377, PUDA Colony,
Malout (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Bhunerheri, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1232 of 2022

Present : Sh. Vikul Puri, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sandeep Singh, Village Development Officer-cum Panchayat Secretary, on
behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 22.11.2021. First appeal is dated 30.12.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.03.2022.

Sh. Sandeep Singh, Village Development Officer-cum Panchayat Secretary, who
appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply was sent to the
appellant on 28.12.2021 through registered post, intimating him that to collect the certified copies
of the required information demanded through RTI requests in three cases i) AC-1230 of 2022 (the
above-said appeal-case) and two other cases i. e. ii) AC-1231 of 2022 and AC-1232 of 2022, Rs.
4200 be deposited but he did not deposit the required fee as demanded from him (the appellant).
He also states that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1741 dated
15.07.2022 through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Vikul Puri, who appeared in today's hearing, states that no
information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and the respondent PIO has demanded
the fee jointly in three cases not separately .

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it emerges that the RTI
request is dated 08.12.2021 and the respondent PIO has demanded the required fee from the
appellant on 28.12.2021 (collectively for three cases), but the fee demanded is within the
stipulated time as per rules of the Right to Information Act.

Hence, an opportunity is given to respondent PIO to send separate replies to the
appellant mentioning case number, page number and required fee for each case (three cases).

An opportunity is given to the appellant to deposit the required fee to the office of
respondent PIO concerned and take certified copies of the requisite information. The respondent
PIO concerned is also directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant only after
receiving the required fee from him.

The case is adjourned to 7th November, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 18th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Amritpal Singh
S/o Sh. Avtar Singh,
H. No. 263-A, Street – 08,
Hussainpura East,
Amritsar(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. 4412 of 2021

Present : Sh. Amritpal Singh, 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 07.06.2021. First appeal is dated 13.07.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.09.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 28.03.2022 with the directions to the concerned PIO to attend the hearing through Webex but he did not come present during the hearing today, moreover, the requisite information has also not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of one year, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Ten Five Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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

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

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

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request through registered post with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

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

The case is adjourned to 7th November, 2022 (Monday) 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 : 18th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Baljinder Singh, Advocate,
Village – Sihal,
Tehsil – Dirba,
Distt. – Sangrur - 148035(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1181 of 2021

Present : Sh. Baljinder Singh, Advocate, the complainant in person.
Ms. Neetu, Senior Assistant (DRA Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 30.07.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 28.09.2021.

Ms. Neetu, Senior Assistant (DRA Branch), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 309 dated 21.10.2021 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 396 dated 15.02.2022. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Baljinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information supplied is in another case i. e. A. C. 32 of 2022, which is fixed for 09.08.2022 for the Bench of the under-signed.

After hearing the parties, it emerges that the appellant has filed first appeal to the First Appellate Authority in the above said case i. e. C. C. 1181 of 2022 and further filed a second appeal with the Commission and an A. C. No. 32 of 2022 is allotted to that second appeal.

Hence, the hearing in the instant appeal-case be given for 09.08.2022 with the directions to club the present case i. e. C. C. No. 1181 of 2022 and other case i. e. A. C. 32 of 2022.

With this, the case is adjourned to 9th August, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 18th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Pardeep Kumar Mehta,
Krishan Valley, Street – 04,
Village – Kakkon,
Teh. & Distt. - Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4856 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 05.07.2021. First appeal is dated 02.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.10.2021.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Pardeep Kumar through a letter dated 05.07.2022 has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. He also intimates that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to represent this case in person or through their representative alongwith the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits

The case is adjourned to 7th November, 2022 (Monday) 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 : 18th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Jagjit Singh
Aman Nagar, Street – 03,
Back Side Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar Bye Pass,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Amritsar (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4504 of 2021

Present : Sh. Jagjit Singh, the appellant in person.
Ms. Seema, Assistant Project Co-ordinator O/o D. E. O. (E), Ludhiana , on behalf of
the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 09.06.2021. First appeal is dated 20.07.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.09.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states
that through a letter dated 23.05.2022, he has pointed out deficiencies in the supplied information
and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission. It is taken on record.

Ms. Seema, Assistant Project Co-ordinator office of D. E. O. (E), Ludhiana, who
appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information,
(after removing the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant) has been supplied to the appellant
vide letter dated 15.07.2022 through registered post.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant vide letter
dated 15.07.2022 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or
three days.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received
the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 15.07.2022.

The case is adjourned to 7th November, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 18th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab