



Lacchman Singh,  
2773, Phase – 2,  
Urban Estate,  
Patiala (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,  
Block Bhunerhari – 2,  
Patiala(Punjab)

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1058 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Lacchman 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 19.10.2020. First appeal is dated 10.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.02.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Lacchman Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he visited the office of respondent on 02.06.2021 but no information has been supplied to him, moreover, a warning letter vide letter no. 2011178220 dated 02.06.2021 has been issued to him by the department. He also states that a written-submission alongwith letter dated 02.06.2021 has also been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 03.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 12169 dated 07.06.2021. It, alongwith a copy of letter no. 2011178220 dated 02.06.2021, is taken on record

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing, moreover, He/she has not sent any document, which shows that the requisite information has been supplied to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 01.06.2021. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Ms. Neeru Bala, PIO-cum- Block Primary Education Officer, Block Bhunerheri – 2 as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

She may note that in case she does not file her submission and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to her through registered post.

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address well in time and send a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, 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. 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 concerned.

Ms. Neeru Bala, PIO-cum- Block Primary Education Officer, Block Bhunerhari – 2 is directed to represent this case in person on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings or disciplinary action would be recommended against her.

A copy of this order be sent to District Education Officer(Elem.), Patiala to ensure presence of Ms. Neeru Bala, PIO-cum- Block Primary Education Officer, Block Bhunerhari – 2 on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings .

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (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> August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

(Regd. Post)                      The District Education Officer(Elem.),  
Patiala (Punjab)

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

.... Complainant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
(Regd. Post) O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Raama, Distt. – Bathinda (Punjab)
- ... Respondents

### Complaint Case No. 259 of 2021

Present : Sh. Inderjeet, the complainant in person.  
i) Sh. Rajeev Sagggar, Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o C. V. O.(Vigilance Cell) ;  
ii) Sh. Jang Bahadur, Senior Assistant (General Branch) ;  
iii) Sh. Rajesh, Junior Assistant O/o Nagar Council, Raama, for 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.

Sh. Rajeev Sagggar, Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o C. V. O.(Vigilance Cell), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information sought through RTI request related with General Branch, hence, forwarded the same to the said branch vide letter no. 1610 fated 06.05.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary no. 10838 dated 19.05.2021. It is also taken on record.

Sh. Jang Bahadur, Senior Assistant (General Branch), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the RTI request of the complainant was forwarded to the office of Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Bathinda vide letter no. 22235 dated 28.05.2021 and to office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama under section 6(3) of the RTI Act vide letter no. 26446 dated 07.07.2021, to supply the required information to the complainant. Both the said replies (dated 28.05.2021 and dated 07.07.2021) have been received in the Commission, which are taken on record.

Sh. Rajesh, Junior Assistant office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama, who appeared for the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information of four pages has already been supplied to the complainant vide letter no. 21 dated 17.08.2021 in person. On that reply, the appellant has put his signatures on 18.08.2021 at 10:00 A. M. as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 21 dated 17.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Inderjeet, who appeared in person in today's hearing, expresses his dissatisfaction over the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO as he has not received action taken report on complaint dated 04.01.2020, 17.02.2020, 18.02.2020.

Nevertheless, the complainant, is advised to visit the office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama to inspect the relevant official record on 19.08.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information .

The respondent PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama is directed to facilitate the complainant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office so that information could be identified by him.

An opportunity is also given to the PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the complainant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send/file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant 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/reply, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, 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 by the next date of hearing.

Sh. Rajesh, Junior Assistant, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

The date and time of inspection of relevant official record has been announced to the parties during the proceedings of the instant complaint-case.

A copy of this order be sent to office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Raama for reference and intimation with the directions to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (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> August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Harinder Singh  
S/o Sh. Lakhvir Singh,  
Village – Dhilwan Kalan,  
Tehsil – Kotkapura,  
Distt. – Faridkot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Faridkot (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1229 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Harinder Singh, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Rajesh Kumar Singla, Legal Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 14.10.2020. First appeal is dated 27.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.03.2021.

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

Sh. Rajesh Kumar Singla, Legal Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1076 dated 16.08.2021 and vide letter no. 1077-78 dated 16.08.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that replies have also been sent to the Commission through e-mails dated 16.08.2021, 17.08.2021 and 19.08.2021,. It, alongwith annexure with a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant vide letter dated 16.08.2021, which has been sent on 19.08.2021 (as per copy of postal-receipt attached) 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 16.08.2021 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 by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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(Regd. Post) **Rajesh Aggarwal**  
S/o Sh. Ram Roop,  
Sunam, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab) ....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) 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

Encl :Letter dated 28.06.2021

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. 1042 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Harpreet Singh, Senior Assistant, LG – III Branch, for the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 31.09.2020. First appeal is dated 09.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.02.2021.

Sh. Harpreet Singh, Senior Assistant, LG – III 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. 1135 dated 08.06.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1135 dated 08.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 12830 dated 15.06.2021. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information/ annexure with a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal through a letter dated 28.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 28.06.2021, has pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information.

Sh. Harpreet Singh, Senior Assistant, states that no such letter has been received in the Branch till date.

The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent on 10.09.2021 at 12:00 noon to collect the information. The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the information, after removing the deficiencies, which has been pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 28.06.2021, to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission. A copy of the letter dated 28.06.2021(sent by the appellant) be sent to the respondent for reference.

The appellant is advised to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be sent by the concerned PIO) or not, by next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (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> August, 2021

Encl :Letter dated 28.06.2021

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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 : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate for Sh. Taranpreet Singh, Advocate (Counsel 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.

Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared for Sh. Taranpreet Singh, Advocate, (Counsel of the appellant, Sh. Sewa Singh), in today's hearing, states that the information supplied to the appellant is not satisfactory, moreover, not complete and through an e-mail dated 23.05.2021, certain deficiencies have been pointed out in the supplied information to the PIO.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, complete information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to PIO concerned of office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail 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.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Surat Chander,  
144, Housing Board Colony,  
Urban Estate – 1,  
Jalandhar – 144022 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Board,  
Division No. -1, Jalandhar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sewerage Board,  
Model Town, Mall Road, Manbro Chowk,  
Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1398 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Surat Chander, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Jitin Vasudeva, Executive Engineer, in person.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 03.12.2020. First appeal is dated 28.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.03.2021.

Sh. Jitin Vasudeva, Executive Engineer, who appeared in person in today's hearing states that, the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 2277 dated 02.06.2021 in person. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2585 dated 22.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13869 dated 28.06.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Surat Chander, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received information at point no. 02 of the RTI request, which is regarding copy of restrictions and guidelines imposed by Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar or any local and State Authority for not providing the sewerage facility of any disputed or legal case pending in any court of Village Alipur Jalandhar.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to file a proper reply, to the query raised at point no. 02 of the RTI request mentioning that whether any order, through which any type of construction was prohibited, was passed by any State/Competent Authority during December, 2020 for not providing the sewerage facility of any disputed case and send the same to the appellant 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 reply or not.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (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> August, 2021

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

Encl : RTI request

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, 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.

The appellant, Sh. Sewa Singh, could not make himself audible during the  
proceedings of the instant appeal case due to technical fault in connection of network.

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

As part information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with  
office of Gram Panchayat Water Supply and Sanitation Committee, Gige Majra, , hence, copy of  
this order be sent to Public Information Officer office of Chairman, Gram Panchayat Water Supply  
and Sanitation Committee , Gige Majra, S. A. S. Nagar, alongwith RTI request through registered  
post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the queries  
raised at point no. 06, 07 and 08 of the RTI request, to the appellant with a copy to the  
Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to represent this case in person or  
through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of  
Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

The appellant is advised to confirm whether he has received the information  
(which would be sent by the concerned PIO) or not, by next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing  
through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Encl : RTI request

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Krishan Kumar  
S/o Sh. Gurdial Puri,  
Haripura Basti,  
Ward No. 04,  
Sangrur(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Complaint Case No. 264 of 2021**

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.  
Sh. Mohammad Tahir, Sanitary Inspector, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 06.10.2020. The complaint has been received in the  
Commission on 10.03.2021.

Sh. Mohammad Tahir, Sanitary Inspector, who appeared on behalf of the  
respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information could not be supplied to  
the complainant, Sh. Krishan Kumar as he has failed to deposit the required fee of Rs.1140/- for  
certified copies of information running into 570 pages, which was demanded from him, vide letter  
no. 503 dated 12.10.2020, vide letter no. 1834 dated 22.10.2020 and again vide letter no. 967 dated  
23.07.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission  
vide letter no. 968 dated 23.07.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No.  
16919 dated 02.08.2021. It, alongwith copy of above-said replies, is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Krishan Kumar, is not present in today's hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the complainant to deposit the required fee to the  
office of respondent PIO concerned and take certified copies of the requisite information or the  
case would be decided on merits.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to supply the requisite information  
to the appellant after receiving the required fee from him.

The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing  
through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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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

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

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1233 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Varun Bansal, on behalf of the appellant.  
i) Ms. Saroj Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o D.E.O(Elem.), Bathinda ;  
ii) Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Junior Assistant, 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.

Sh. Varun Bansal, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Ms. Tara Rani in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO so far.

Ms. Saroj Superintendent-cum-PIO, who appeared in person with Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Junior Assistant in today's hearing, states that despite making lots of efforts, the information demanded through RTI request is not found traceable in the official record and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 17.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

As the information sought through RTI request is regarding recruitment of Teaching Fellow vide advertisement dated 05.09.2007 and missing of recruitment record of a Government office is a serious matter, hence, oral-submission (made by Ms. Saroj Superintendent-cum-PIO during the hearing) as well as written-submission dated 17.08.2021, is not acceptable.

Accordingly, last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned either to put more efforts to trace out the relevant official record and supply certified copies of the required information as per official record to the appellant or if the required information is not found available/traceable in the official record, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will send a written reply in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant as well as to the Commission through registered post, stating that the required information is not available in the official record or has gone missing, mentioning the reasons whether official record is missing or destroyed or whether any FIR has been lodged regarding missing record or copy of FIR (if the record is missing) or copy of Office-order (if destruction of record has been done by the next date of hearing.

**A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Elementary Education and Director, Public Instructions(Elem.), S. A. S. Nagar to ensure compliance of the above-announced order.**

**The case is adjourned to 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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                                 to Government of Punjab,  
                                 Deptt. of Elem. Education,  
                                 Punjab Mini Secretariat, Sector 9,  
                                 Chandigarh**

**(Regd. Post) ii)     The Director,  
                                 Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,  
                                 Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
                                 Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)**