



Michael Univith Bhatoe
S/o Sh. Jarnail Singh,
Balmiki Mustafabad,
Amritsar – 1, Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Mid Day Meal Society
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. 4311 of 2021

Present : Sh. Michael Univith Bhatoe, 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 14.07.2021. First appeal is dated 28.07.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.09.2021.

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

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, the requisite
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 District Mid Day Meal Society office of District Education
Officer (Elem.), Amritsar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in
supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the
required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through
registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the
information and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing,
to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 20th December, 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 : 18th October, 2021

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Sanjeev Devgan
S/o Sh. Krishan Kumar,
Assistant Town Planner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar- 143001(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. 4268 of 2021

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Devgan, the appellant in person.
Sh. Balwinder Pal, Senior Assistant (LG – I Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 28.08.2021. First appeal is dated 09.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.09.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Devgan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Balwinder Pal, Senior Assistant (LG – I Branch),, who appeared for the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information at point no. 01 and 02 of the RTI request has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1005-1006 dated 01.09.2021 and again vide letter no. 1099 dated 24.09.2021 and regarding information at point no. 03 , the appellant was asked to mention the letter number and date through which the show-cause notice was issued by Mr. B. R. Banga between the period from year 2002 to 2003 to Sh. Rajinder Sharma including diary and dispatch register. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1250 dated 13.10.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information at point no. 03 of the RTI request to the appellant through registered post or an e-mail by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

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

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

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

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

The case is adjourned to 15th December, 2021 (Wednesday) at 12:00 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh

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(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Arvinder Pal Singh,
H. No. 32, Gurjivan Vihar,
Dhakoli, Zirakpur,
Tehsil- Derabassi,
Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Zirakpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1209 of 2021

Present : Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The above-mentioned has earlier heard by the bench of Hon'ble State Information

Commissioner, Ms. Preety Chawla on 17.08.2021 and Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 25.08.2021, has reallocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him till date.

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, the respondent PIO has neither sent any intimation whether the information, has been sent to the appellant or not, hence, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the supplied information (if supplied to the appellant) to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide order dated 17.08.2021 by the bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Ms. Preety Chawla, has not been deposited.

An opportunity is given to the concerned respondent PIO to comply with the order passed by the bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Ms. Preety Chawla on 17.08.2021 by paying penalty of Rs. 10,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government by the next date of hearing.

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

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

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission by or on the next date of hearing

Due to evasive attitude of the respondent PIO concerned, a compensation of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is awarded to the appellant, Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh. The compensation shall be paid by public authority concerned by way of crossed cheque/Demand Draft in the name of Arvinder Pal Singh. The crossed cheque/Demand Draft shall be made from the bank account of public authority concerned and not from the individual official.

The respondent PIO is also directed to send a copy of the cheque/Demand Draft to the Commission on the next date of hearing to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

Another opportunity is 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 his RTI request through registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. If already supplied the information, an opportunity is given to him (the respondent PIO) to send a copy of the information to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Director, Local Government, Punjab to ensure compliance of the above-announced order and also to ensure presence of PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Zirakpur on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'

The case is adjourned to 20th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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

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Ms. Rajinder Bala
W/o Sh. Sunandan Rampal,
H. No. 4-1652,
Sardar Nagar, Opp. Old Central Jail,
Ajnala Road, Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairman,
Subordinate Services Selection Board, Punjab
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chairman,
Subordinate Services Selection Board, Punjab
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3343 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The above-mentioned has earlier heard by the bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Ms. Preety Chawla on 17.08.2021 and Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 25.08.2021, has reallocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for hearing.

The appellant, Ms. Rajinder Bala through a letter dated 17.10.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that she is unable to attend today's hearing due to ill-health and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

Ms. Maninder Pal Kaur, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, seeks an adjournment in this case.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide order dated 17.08.2021 by the bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Ms. Preety Chawla, has not been deposited.

An opportunity is given to the concerned respondent PIO to comply with the order passed by the bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Ms. Preety Chawla on 17.08.2021 by paying penalty of Rs. 10,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government by the next date of hearing.

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

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

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission by or on the next date of hearing.

Another opportunity is 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 his RTI request through registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission. If already supplied the information, an opportunity is given to him (the respondent PIO) to send a copy of the information to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

As through a letter dated 17.10.2021, the appellant has not intimated whether she received the information or not, hence, an opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether she received the information or not. She is also advised to represent this case in person or through her representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 20th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 18th October, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Raj Kumar
Jindal Road, Jakhal Mandi,
Tehsil – Tohana,
Distt. - Fetehabad(Haryana)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1160 of 2021

Present : Sh. Raj Kumar, the appellant in person.
Sh. Surinder Singh, Tehsildar, in person.

ORDER

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

The above-mentioned has earlier heard by the bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Ms. Preety Chawla on 17.08.2021 and Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner vide Office Order dated 25.08.2021, has reallocated the case to the Bench of the undersigned for hearing.

Sh. Surinder Singh, Tehsildar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the appellant has visited the office on 18.08.2021 and the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 13 dated 18.08.2021 in person. He also intimates the Commission that a reply alongwith an affidavit dated 07.09.2021, has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 15 dated 07.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 20627 dated 13.09.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Raj Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him as he has demanded copies of "Registry and Integal" of Chuddal Kalan Village in Guru Nanak Nagar.

On this, Sh. Surinder Singh, Tehsildar, states that the information demanded by the appellant is two and half years old, moreover, voluminous in nature. He also requests that if appellant would be more specific for required 'Vasikas', information would be provided to him positively

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 22.10.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify and specify the particulars of the required information of Chuddal Kalan Village in Guru Nanak Nagar.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 22.10.2021 at 11:00 A. M. so that information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, 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.

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

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

Sh. Surinder Singh, Tehsildar, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

The case is adjourned to 20th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Jaskaran Singh
S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,
Village – Bahmaniwala,
Tehsil – Jalalabad,
Distt. – Fazilka – 152024 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairman,
Market Committee,
Jalalabad, Distt. – Fazilka(Punjab)

Encl : letter dated 18.06.2021

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Mandi Officer,
Fazilka(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1881 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jaskaran 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 24.01.2020. First appeal is dated Nil. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.07.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 04.08.2021;

- i) Sh. Baljinder Singh, Secretary, stated that in response to the RTI request, complete information has been supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant stated that incomplete information was given to him and through a letter dated 18.06.2021, he pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information.
- iii) Sh. Baljinder Singh, Secretary, stated that the above-said letter dated 18.06.2021 was not received in the office.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO today itself i. e. 04.08.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to hand over the letter, through which deficiencies were pointed out, so that the same could be removed.
- v) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him with a copy to the Commission.
- vi) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, after inspection or not.

The appellant, Sh. Jaskaran Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent and handed over the letter dated 18.06.2021, through which deficiencies were pointed out.

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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, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 04.08.2021. 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 PIO concerned of office of Chairman, Market Committee, Jalalabad, Distt. – Fazilka as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies (which were pointed out by the appellant through letter dated 18.06.2021), to him through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post alongwith copy of letter dated 18.06.2021 through which deficiencies were pointed out by the appellant.

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

The case is adjourned to 20th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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(Regd. Post) Nirmal Singh(Retd. Naib Tehsildar),
H. No. 1100, Sector 69,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab) V/sAppellant

- (Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Khadoor Sahib,
Distt. - Tarn Taran(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Amritsar (Punjab)
- iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Revenue Officer,
Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Khadoor Sahib,
Distt. - Tarn Taran(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1078 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sanjeev Devgan, Sadar Kanungo O/o District Revenue Officer, Amritsar for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 06.06.2019. First appeal is dated 06.08.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.03.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 04.08.2021 ;

- i) Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate (representative of the appellant), stated that he had not received any reply (in an affidavit) from Public Information Officer office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar .
- ii) Sh. Sanjeev Devgan, Sadar Kanungo office of District Revenue Officer, Amritsar, stated that available information was given to the appellant. He also stated that copy of first appeal of the appellant was not received in the office and requested to provide first appeal of the appellant so that a proper reply could be given to him.
- iii) The appellant was advised to send a copy of first appeal to PIO office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/ District Revenue Officer, Amritsar so that reply could be filed by the respondent PIO. Further directions were given to the Public Information Officer of office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/District Revenue Officer, Amritsar, either to supply required information to the appellant or send a written reply in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant 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) be sent.

The appellant, Sh. Nirmal Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Sanjeev Devgan, Sadar Kanungo, office of District Revenue Officer, Amritsar who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, in today's hearing, states that available information has already been given to the appellant and a reply dated 06.10.2021 in an affidavit has also been sent to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

As neither the appellant nor any representative of office of Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib is present in today's hearing, to clear the facts of this case. Hence, an opportunity is given to both the parties (appellant and PIO office of Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib) to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case or the case would be decided on merits. A copy of this order be sent to them through registered post.

The Public Information Officer office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case and a copy of this order be sent to him for intimation.

The case is adjourned to 20th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Parmod Kumar S/o Sh. Late Sh. Hem Raj,
H. No. 2650, Ward – 12,
Near Dussehha Ground,
Kharar, Distt. - Mohali(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre,
Phase -10, Sector 64, S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre,
Phase -10, Sector 64, S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1445 of 2020

Present : Sh. Parmod Kumar, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Harpreet Singh, Labour Conciliation Officer ;
ii) Sh. Shailendra Singh Negi, RTI Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 31.05.2017. First appeal is dated 11.07.2019. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.06.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 04.08.2021 ;

- i) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 7262 dated 01.06.2021 signed by Public Information Officer office of Labour Commissioner, Punjab, had intimated the Commission that the appellant visited the office on 27.05.2021 but refused to take the required information.
- ii) The appellant stated that he visited the office of the respondent on the fixed date i. e. 27.05.2021 but the required information was not supplied to him by the respondent PIO and whatever information which was already given to him is not signed by concerned officer/official of the respondent office.
- iii) As neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present to represent this case, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- iv) Last and final opportunity was given to respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Harpreet Singh, Labour Conciliation Officer, who appeared with Sh. Shailendra Singh Negi, RTI Clerk, in today's hearing, states that available information has been supplied to the appellant and for the information, which is not available in the office-record, a reply has been given to him vide letter no. 14579 dated 12.10.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 14580 dated 12.10.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record The appellant, Sh. Parmod Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that whatever information/replies, which were given to him is not signed by concerned officer/official of the respondent office.

On this, Sh. Harpreet Singh, Labour Conciliation Officer, states that the information, which has been given to the appellant is in the same manner as it exists in official-record.

The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 21.10.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 21.10.2021 at 11:00 A. M. so that information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.

Sh. Harpreet Singh, Labour Conciliation Officer, would remain present during the visit of the appellant in the office.

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

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

If the information is not available or found un-signed in the office-record, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to file a reply, in writing, in an affidavit, mentioning that the information/documents(already supplied) are found unsigned from the official record and given to the appellant in the same manner as it exists in official-record and send the same to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information/reply (which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO) 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.

The case is adjourned to 20th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Harish Chander,
Goyal Ayurvedic Store,
Chaina Bazaar,
Jaito, Distt. – Faridkot (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3089 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sukhwinder Pal Singh, Junior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 08.05.2019. First appeal is dated 08.07.2019. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.08.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 04.08.2021;

- i) The appellant stated that the respondent PIO did not provide him the information, demanded by him at point no. 01 of the RTI request.
- ii) The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 06.08.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to identify the required information.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office so that information could be identified by him. He was also directed to supply the required information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not.

Sh. Sukhwinder Pal Singh, Junior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant visited the office on 06.08.2021 and the requisite information was supplied to him in person. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 5712 dated 06.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information/annexure with a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Harish Chander, is not present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, by the next date of hearing or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 20th December, 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 : 18th October, 2021

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Rajesh Kumar ,
Ward No. 5,
Near Hind Hospital,
Ahmedgarh, Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s

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

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 369 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rajesh Kumar , the complainant in person.
Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 24.01.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 10.04.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 04.08.2021 ;

- i) The complainant stated that remaining information was not supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present.
- iii) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur to appear in person on the fixed date for hearing

Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant.

The complainant, Sh. Rajesh Kumar, who appeared in today's hearing, states that hHe has not received any information till date.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send the requisite information again to the complainant through registered post at his residential address within three weeks from today with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the information(which would be sent by the respondent) or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO through registered post 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 20th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Subash Chander,
Street No. 02,
New Luxmi Nagar,
Kapurthala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Corporation,
Kapurthala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 564 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Superintendent-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 13.08.2019. First appeal is dated 14.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 04.08.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Superintendent, stated that a point-wise reply was given to the appellant vide letter no. 1480 dated 22.07.2021.
- ii) Sh. Pawan Kalia, Advocate(representative of the appellant), stated that the respondent PIO sent him the same reply as earlier supplied, which is misleading and contradictory.
- iii) The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 06.08.2021 at 02:00 P. M. to identify the required information.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office and also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.
- v) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not.

Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant was called on 13.10.2021 to appear for hearing before the Executive Officer and the requisite information was supplied to the appellant

The appellant, Sh. Subash Chander through a letter dated 15.10.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and seeks an adjournment in this case as he is unable to attend today's hearing due to ill-health.. It is taken on record.

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Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on any day during working hours to identify the required information

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office so that information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not.

The case is adjourned to 20th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Harsharandip Singh,
173/9, Adarsh Nagar,
Dharamkot,
Distt. – Moga - 142042(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Technical Education and
Industrial Training, Punjab,
Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 100 of 2020

Present : Sh. Harsharandip Singh, the complainant in person.
Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director of office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 24.09.2018. The complaint has been received in the

Commission on 23.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 04.08.2021;

- i) Sh. Jaswinder Singh, APIO, stated that a reply was given to the appellant, intimating him that the requisite information could not be supplied as vigilance enquiry is pending in the instant appeal-case.
- ii) The complainant stated that he had demanded final selection list, waiting list, offer letters to join the service etc. of Contract Bases Instructors, whose services were regularized on 01.04.2011 and above-said enquiry does not pertain to the period, regarding which the information has been sought by him. He also stated he directly asked from the office of Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar about the enquiry and a reply vide letter no. 429 dated 02.06.2021 was received by him from Assistant Inspector General of Police office of Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar, intimating that regarding recruitment of Instructors in the year 2007, no enquiry is pending.
- iii) As the reply, earlier given by the respondent PIO, stating the requisite information could not be supplied as vigilance enquiry is pending in the instant appeal-case and the reply submitted by the complainant given by office of Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar vide letter no. 429 dated 02.06.2021, is totally contradictory.
- iv) The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO for giving wrong statement before the Commission and a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director, Public Information Officer of office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Chandigarh, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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- v) The respondent PIO, who is Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director of office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, was **directed to appear in person on the next date fixed for hearing**

Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director of office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information of 219 pages has already been sent to the complainant on 16.10.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 413 dated 14.10.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Harsharandip Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-mentioned information till date.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the complainant on 16.10.2021 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 received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO on 16.10.2021 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 20th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'**.

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