



Sh.Yogesh Mahajan S/o Sh.Kuldeep Raj Mahajan,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o XEN, Water Supply and Sanitation,
Division, Garhshankar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SE, Water Supply and Sanitation,
Circle, Hoshiarpur

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1471 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 01.02.2020 has sought information regarding works undertaken/carried out during 01.02.2019 to 01.02.2020 in Sub Division Mehatpur, Sub Division No.1 & 2 Garhshankar – copies of work order book in all divisions from 06.01.2019 to 06.01.2020 – comparative statements of other works and other information from the office of XEN, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division, Garhshankar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.03.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case first came up for hearing 08.12.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur. Both the parties were absent. The appellant through email informed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

The Commission observed that the appellant in this instance is someone who files a large number of RTI applications, but had not made any appearance in front of this bench of the commission and only communicated via an email in a set template. Even though the commission had offered various opportunities to the appellant to appear via video conferencing, as the appellant in the set template shown continuous inability to attend the hearings at the commission, the appellant had chosen to remain a recluse and communicate via emails only. The Commission felt it is prudent to put a face to the appellant, especially someone who files a slew of RTI applications but prefers not to appear and only send emails informing whether he has received the information, or not. Hence, the Commission directed the appellant to appear personally at the next hearing to take this case forward.

The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 19.05.2021:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur. Both the parties are absent.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **25.08.2021 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Hoshiarpur**. The appellant to appear through video conferencing in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Pathankot**.



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Circle Hoshiarpur.

... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1475 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 01.02.2020 has sought information regarding grants received/utilized - comparative statements approved by competent authority for works by E-tendering/online undertaken during 01.02.2019 to 01.02.2020 – comparative statements approved by competent authority for works by tender/offline work undertaken from 01.02.2019 to 01.02.2020 – copies of sanction letter for the work of CSR to all SDE and other information from the office of XEN, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division, Garhshankar. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.03.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

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Division-2, Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SE, Water Supply and Sanitation,
Circle Hoshiarpur.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1267 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 06.01.2020 has sought information regarding grants received/utilized - comparative statements approved by competent authority for works by E-tendering/online undertaken during 07.01.2018 to 06.01.2020 – comparative statements approved by competent authority for works by tender/offline work undertaken from 07.01.2018 to 06.01.2020 – copies of sanction letter for the work of CSR to all SDE and other information from the office of Xen, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.2, Hoshiarpur. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 05.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came up for hearing on 08.12.2020 through video conferencing at DAC Hoshiarpur. Both the parties were absent. The appellant through email informed that the PIO has not supplied the information.

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Chandigarh
Dated: 19.05.2021

Sd/-
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First Appellate Authority,
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.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1275 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant
None for the Respondent

ORDER:

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