

Sukhdev Singh (Ex-Member Panchayat), S/o Sh. Uttam Singh, Village – Vairowal(Bawian), Tehsil – Khadoor Sahib, Distt. Tarn Taran (Punjab)

.... Complainant

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

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 476 of 2020

V/s

Present : None on behalf of the Complainant. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 16.03.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 28.07.2020.

The complainant, Sh. Sukhdev Singh, is not present in today's hearing and he has intimated through a telephonic message that he is unable to connect through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. He also states that he has not received the required information from the respondent PIO till date.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 647-49 dated

15.10.2020 signed by Public Information Officer office of Deputy Commissioner, Tarn Taran, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that a reply has been sent to the complainant, intimating him that the RTI request with notice of hearing (issued by the Commission) has been forwarded to the office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Khadoor Sahib. It is taken on record.

Neither the respondent PIO office of D.C., Taran nor any of representative of office of B. D. P. O., Khadoor Sahib is present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to represent this case in person or through his representative, on the next date of hearing fixed <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u> with relevant documents so that the facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 13th January, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 19th October, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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Ajaib Singh S/o Late Sh.Bhinder Singh, Village – Bishanpura, P. O. – Gajjewas, Tehsil - Samana, Distt. -Patiala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Market Committee, Samana, Distt. Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Chairman, Market Committee, Samana, Distt. Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1066 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Komal Singh, Mandi Supervisor, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 14.12.2019. First appeal is dated 24.01.2020

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.03.2020.

Sh. Komal Singh, Mandi Supervisor, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information of thirty three pages has already been supplied to the complainant vide letter no. 1553 dated 07.10.2020. A copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail and is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Ajaib Singh, is not present in today's hearing and he has intimated through a telephonic message that he is unable to connect through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. He also intimates the Commission that he has received incomplete information from the respondent PIO and through a letter dated 08.10.2020, he has pointed out deficiencies in the information supplied to the concerned PIO.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 19.11.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information. The appellant is also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 19.11.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

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Sh. Komal Singh, Mandi Supervisor, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

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The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him as per official record by the next date of hearing. If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a written-reply (in response to the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant through letter dated 08.10.2020) to the Commission by the next date of hearing and send a copy to the same to the appellant positively.

The case is adjourned to 13th January, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Munish Kumar Adya S/o Late Sh. Girdhar Gopal Adya, H. No. B-05-975, Mohalla Falan Adda, Daal Bazar, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – A, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4558 of 2019

Present : Sh. Munish Kumar Adya, the appellant in person. Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent (Zone- A), on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 16.09.2019. First appeal is dated 18.10 .2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.08.2020, the respondent PIO was directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission or file a reply in an affidavit.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent (Zone- A), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that available information has already been supplied to the appellant and for rest of the information (which is not available in the official record), a reply dated 06.10.2020 in an affidavit has been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 77 dated 06.10.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 14006 dated 14.10.2020. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar Adya, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-mentioned reply from the respondent.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the above-mentioned reply through registered post to the appellant at his residential address within ten days from today and send a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Appeal Case No. 4558 of 2019

On the hearing, held on 25.02.2020, <u>a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of</u> <u>the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Commissioner, Municipal</u> <u>Corporation, Zone – A, Ludhiana, which was dropped vide orders dated 17.06.2020.</u>

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As the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the orders, passed by the Commission on 17.08.2020, hence, <u>a fresh show cause notice under Section 20</u> (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – A, Ludhiana, 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 <u>through facility</u> <u>of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the above-said reply or not by the next date of hearing.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab
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Munish Kumar Adya S/o Late Sh. Girdhar Gopal Adya, H. No. B-05-975, Mohalla Falan Adda, Daal Bazar, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – A, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4557 of 2019

Present : Sh. Munish Kumar Adya, the appellant in person. Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent (Zone- A), on behalf of the respondent.

V/s

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 11.09.2019. First appeal is dated 18.10 .2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.08.2020, the respondent PIO was directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission or file a reply in an affidavit.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent (Zone- A), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that available information has already been supplied to the appellant and for rest of the information (which is not available in the official record), a reply dated 06.10.2020 in an affidavit has been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 76 dated 06.10.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 14050 dated 14.10.2020. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar Adya, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-mentioned reply from the respondent.

Appeal Case No. 4557 of 2019 -2-

After going through the reply (affidavit), sent by the respondent and finding it not satisfactory, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to send a fresh proper written reply in an affidavit, mentioning the facts for not supplying the required information to the appellant through registered post to the appellant at his residential address within ten days from today and send a copy of the same with postal receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the above-said reply or not by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 13th January, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for** hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Munish Kumar Adya S/o Late Sh. Girdhar Gopal Adya, H. No. B-05-975, Mohalla Falan Adda, Daal Bazar, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – A, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4556 of 2019

Present : Sh. Munish Kumar Adya, the appellant in person.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent (Zone- A), on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 11.09.2019. First appeal is dated 18.10.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.08.2020, the respondent PIO was directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission or file a reply in an affidavit.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent (Zone- A), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that available information has already been supplied to the appellant and for rest of the information (which is not available in the official record), a reply dated 06.10.2020 in an affidavit has been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 75 dated 06.10.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 14051 dated 14.10.2020. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar Adya, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-mentioned reply from the respondent and also not received the reply already sent by the respondent vide letter no. 54 dated 11.08.2020.

Appeal Case No. 4556 of 2019 -2-

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the above-mentioned reply (vide letter no. 75 dated 06.10.2020) and the reply already sent vide letter no. 54 dated 11.08.2020, through registered post to the appellant at his residential address within ten days from today and send a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the above-said reply or not by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 13th January, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Jagjit Singh S/o Sh. Harbans Singh, Aman Nagar, Street – 03, Backside Greenland School, Near Jalandhar Byepass, Ludhiana (Punjab)



...Appellant

V/s

i)	Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post)	O/o The Commissioner,
	Municipal Corporation,
	Zone – A, Ludhiana(Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer, (Regd. Post) O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – A, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 312 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 29.03.2019. First appeal is dated 01.05.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.08.2020, the respondent PIOs of Zone – A and Zone – D were directed to supply the required information to the appellant through registered post and if any information is not found available, directions were given to them to file a proper written reply in the form of an affidavit. The appellant was 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

Neither the appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh nor the respondent or any of their representative is present in today's hearing.

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The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 183 dated 14.10.2020 signed by PIO-cum-Asstt. Town Planner, Zone – D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 180 dated 22.08.2020. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, 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 respondent PIOs of Zone – A and Zone – D of office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana are directed to appear in person on the next date fixed (which would be held) through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' positively so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to them through registered post.

The case is adjourned to 13th January, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120 Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab Jagjit Singh S/o Sh. Harbans Singh, Aman Nagar, Street - 03, Backside Greenland School, Near Jalandhar Byepass, Ludhiana (Punjab) ... Appellant V/s Public Information Officer, (Regd. Post) O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana(Punjab) First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab) ...Respondents Appeal Case No. 291 of 2020 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 12.10.2019. First appeal is dated 14.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.01.2020. On the last date of hearing, held on 17.08.2020, the appellant was directed to visit the office of the respondent to collect the required information on 01.09.2020.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh nor the respondent or any of their representative is present in today's hearing.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 182 dated 14.10.2020 signed by PIO-cum-Asstt. Town Planner, Zone – D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 180 dated 22.08.2020. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing or the case would be decided on merits.

The respondent PIO concerned of office of M. C., Ludhiana is directed to represent this case in person or through his representative <u>on the next date fixed (which would be held) through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' positively so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.</u>

The case is <u>adjourned to 13th January, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u>
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Sant Ram Nehra. House Number 166/24, Jagdish Colony, Rohtak(Haryana)

V/s.

Public Information Officer, (Regd Post) O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Appellant

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2710 of 2019

None on behalf of the appellant. Present : Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 14.09.2018. First appeal is dated 07.01.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.08.2020, last and final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered with a copy to the Commission with postal receipt.

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Sant Ram Nehra, is not present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing or the case would be decided on merits.

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Ms. Swaranjeet Kaur W/o Sh. Hukam Singh, Village - Bhaowal, P.O.-Bharatgarh, Tehsil & Distt Ropar-140114(Punjab)

...Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) (Regd. Post) (No The Asstt. Labour Commissioner S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Workman Compensation Commission), DC Office Complex, 4th Floor, Sector-76 S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellant Authority, O/o The Workman Compensation Court, Ropar <u>Through</u> - The Asstt. Labour Commissioner (Workman Compensation Commission,). DC Office Complex, 4th Floor, Sector-76 S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1252 of 2018

Present : Ms. Swaranjeet Kaur, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 16.12.2016. First appeal is dated 08.08.2017.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.04.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.08.2020, Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh, Asstt. Labour Commissioner-cum-PIO, appeared in person and sought an adjournment in this case to supply the complete information to appellant. Last and final opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by her through RTI request,

The appellant, Ms. Swaranjeet Kaur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that as directed vide orders dated 31.08.2020, no information has been supplied to her by the respondent PIO.

In the instant appeal case, on the hearing held on 04.09.2019, a compensation of Rs. 2000/- was awarded to the appellant and on the hearing, held on 28.11.2019 the compensation amount was enhanced from Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 5000/- for non-compliance of the order dated 04.09.2019.

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On the hearing, held on 22.01.2020, Sh. Jaswinder Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Ms. Swaranjeet Kaur, had refused to take Rs. 5000/-, which was awarded as compensation amount vide orders dated 28.11.2019 as he requires only information. He also submitted a written-submission dated 22.01.2020 during the hearing, stating that he is not willing to take Rs. 5000/- which was awarded as compensation amount vide orders dated 28.11.2019. It is placed in the case-file.

In view of the refusal of the appellant to take compensation amount of Rs. 5000/-, which was awarded to him vide orders dated 28.11.2019, the directions passed by the Commission vide orders dated 28.11.2019 regarding compensation, were <u>dropped</u>.

In today's hearing i. e. 19.10.2020, neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present. He has neither sent any intimation regarding his nonavailability nor sent any document, which shows that the information has been supplied to the appellant 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 concerned.

For making inordinate delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Asstt. Labour Commissioner S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Workman Compensation Commission S.A.S. Nagar. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.</u>

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
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	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.

Appeal Case No. 1252 of 2018 -3-

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 before the next date of hearing and send a copy of same to the Commission with postal receipt, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to comply with the above-announced order passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 10,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government by the next date of hearing, failing which disciplinary action would be recommended against him under <u>Section 20</u> (2) of the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned to 13th January, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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