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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan,

House No. 78 / 8, Park Road,

New Mandi, Dhuri, Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur (M: 8509580002)

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Chairman,

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),

Head Office, Patiala.

(Encl. RTI Application)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Chairman,

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),

Head Office, Patiala.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3263 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is present.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 09.04.2021, the date of First Appeal is 28.05.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 19.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan states that no information has been supplied to him and further requests for the same.

None is present from the Department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the Respondent / PIO and further the concerned PIO is directed to supply the pointwise reply of requisite information (i.e. **attested copy of information**) to the Appellant along with a copy to the Commission and if the information is not available with the concerned PIO then the concerned PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing signed by the concerned PIO explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent to the PIO through registered post along with this order.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to **22.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **22.12.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 19.10.2021

Sd/-
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Sh. Jasveer Singh Sidhu, (M: 9417508764)

S/o Sh. Balkar Singh.

Village Jogewala, PO Malkana, Tehsil Talwandi Saboo,

District Bathinda (151301)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Head Master,

Government Primary School,

Dhobiana Basti, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education),

Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3300 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Jasveer Singh Sidhu is present.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 20.04.2021, the date of First Appeal is 24.05.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 19.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasveer Singh states that incomplete information has been supplied to him. He further mentions about his email dated 18.10.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

None is present from the Department.

While hearing of this present case was going on; Sh. Munish Kumar, Head Teacher states that he has not received notice of hearing of the Commission relating to this present case i.e. AC: 3300/ 2021 and he is present today for some another case i.e. AC: 796 of 2021 which is going to be heard by undersigned today. He further states that the information which the Appellant is requesting through his RTI is personal in nature and could not be supplied.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as nobody is present from the Department to represent this case.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Head Master, Government Primary School, Dhobiana Basti, Bathinda, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The concerned PIO is directed to look into this matter and supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email **within 3 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and **if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the**

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form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education), Bathinda is directed to look into this matter and make assure that the PIO concerned should comply the above said order and PIO concerned should appear personally on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software.

A copy of this order be sent to the O/o District Education Officer (Elementary Education), Bathinda through registered post.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Jasveer Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 22.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Show Cause:

**(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Head Master,
Government Primary School,
Dhobiana Basti, Bathinda.
{Encl. RTI Application}**

**CC:
(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer (Elementary Education),
Bathinda.**

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Balvir, S/o Sh. Jagar,**
Village Bhullan, Tehsil Munak, District Sangrur. (148027)
M: 8725040137

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Sangrur. (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3309 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Balvir is present.

Sh. Gurjeet Singh, Panchayat Secretary (Having Charge as Accountant) is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 01.03.2021, the date of First Appeal is 12.04.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Balvir states that no information has been supplied to him and further requests that he has requested the information from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur not from Panchayat Secretary.

On the other hand, the Panchayat Secretary, Sh. Gurjeet Singh states that the RTI has been marked to them from the DC office, so they are providing the information. He further states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and a copy of the same has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 18.10.2021, which is taken on record.

On this the Appellant, Sh. Balvir states that no information has been received by him till date.

On this the Panchayat Secretary, Sh. Gurjeet Singh is directed to submit the letters to the Commission vide which they were directed to represent this case and supply the information to the Appellant.

In view of above, both the parties are directed to appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case.

The concerned PIO, Smt. Sarabjeet Kaur along with the concerned officials are directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this present case RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO. **A copy of this order be sent to the Office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Andana at Munak, District Sangrur.**

The Appellant is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which it would be presumed that the Appellant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **15.12.2021 at 12:30 P.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **15.12.2021** which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector -16, Chandigarh.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 19.10.2021

Sd/-
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Punjab

CC:

Regd. Post: **Public Information Officer,**
Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Andana at Munak, District Sangrur.

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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
Ward No. 18, Street No. 02, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,
Khanna (141401) **M: 9464500405**

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary, Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary, Department of Local Government, Punjab,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan, Plot No. 3,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3319 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh is present.
Sh. Sukhdev Singh, Superintendent from O/o Local Govt. Branch – 4 is present.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 26.04.2021, the date of First Appeal is 13.05.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that no information has been supplied to him and further states that he just need inspection and further requesting for attested copy of concerned letter after inspecting the same.

On the other hand, the Superintendent, Sh. Sukhdev Singh states that they have asked for public interest from the Appellant relating to the information and further mentions about a letter dated 17.05.2021.

After hearing both the parties and discussing about the information which the Appellant requires after inspection, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on 21.10.2021 at 11.00 A.m. at the office of Sh. Sukhdev Singh and meet him personally for collecting the requisite letter after identifying the same as per the RTI Application.

To which, Sh. Sukhdev Singh states that he will help the Appellant in inspection and would convey the concerned department for the attested copy of the concerned letter.

If the information is not available with the concerned department, then the concerned PIO is directed to submit the same in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

If the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the information then it will be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the inspection could not took place from the Department's end then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned.

This case is adjourned to 22.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, (9888490031)

H. no. 60-35-P-330, Street No. 08, Maha Singh Nagar,
PO Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana (141014)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Malerkotla, District Sangrur. (148023)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Malerkotla, District Sangrur. (148023)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3328 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The representative Sh. Gurmej Lal along with the Appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh is present.
Sh. Charan Singh, Junior Engineer is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 27.01.2021, the date of First Appeal is 27.02.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal states that no information has been supplied to them and further requests for the same.

On the other hand, the Junior Engineer, Sh. Charan Singh states that the information relating to point number 01 and 02 has been sent to the Appellant and the information relating to point number 03, 04 and 05 is not available at their office.

After hearing both the parties and discussing about the information, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on 25.10.2021 at 02.00 p.m. at the office of Sh. Charan Singh and meet him personally for collecting the requisite letter after identifying the same as per the RTI Application.

The concerned PIO is directed whatever information is available (or after collecting the same) at their office relating to this RTI Application be handed over to the Appellant at the time of his visit and if the information is not available with the concerned department, then the concerned PIO is directed to submit the same in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

If the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the information then it will be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the inspection could not take place from the Department's end then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned.

This case is adjourned to 22.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sh. Surjit Singh, S/o Sh. Gokul Singh,
VPO Jarg, Tehsil Payal, District Ludhiana (141415)
M: 98559-00321

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Directorate of Public Instruction (Elementary Education),
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary,
Education Department (Schools), Punjab, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3332 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh is present.
Sh. Kapil Kumar, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 23.03.2021, the date of First Appeal is 12.05.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 22.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him and further mentions about a letter dated 18.10.2021 which has been received by him from the Department.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Kapil Kumar states the Appellant is asking for 'ਹਲਫੀਆ ਬਿਆਨ' which is not covered under the RTI Act. He further mentions about a email dated 18.10.2021 which has been sent to the Commission vide which a letter dated 18.10.2021 is attached herewith and is taken on record.

To which the Senior Assistant, Sh. Kapil Kumar is directed that whatever has been requested by the Appellant through his RTI Application could be given.

After going through the file, it has been observed that the notice of hearing which was sent to the FAA has been returned back to the Commission from the postal services which is taken on record.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the Respondent / PIO and further the concerned PIO is directed to supply the pointwise reply of requisite information after collecting it from the concerned department (i.e. attested copy of information) to the Appellant along with a copy to the Commission and if the information is not available with the concerned PIO then the concerned PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing signed by himself explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 22.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sh. Jasveer Singh Sidhu, (Crime Reporter, Bathinda),
S/o Sh. Balkar Singh,
Village Jogewala, PO Malkana, Tehsil Talwandi Saboo,
Distt. Bathinda (151301) M: 94175-08764

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Head Teacher, Govt. Primary School,
Dhobiana, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The DEO (EE), Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 796 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Jasveer Singh Sidhu is present.
Sh. Munish Kumar, Head Teacher is present from Department.

ORDER:

On the previous hearing, dated 03.08.2021, vide which the PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant after removing the deficiencies.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasveer Singh Sidhu states that partial information has been supplied to him and further requests for the same. He further mentions about an email dated 18.10.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is same taken on record.

On the other hand, Sh. Munish Kumar, Head Teacher states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant after removing the deficiencies as pointed out by the Appellant to them. He further mentions about a letter dated 14.08.2021 and email dated 16.10.2021 which has been sent to Commission and is taken on record.

On further discussing the same, the Head Teacher, Sh. Munish Kumar is directed to submit the affidavit to the Appellant along with a copy to the Commission signed by the PIO against those points whose information is not available by mentioning the reason why the information is not available with them.

In view of above, both the parties are directed to appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case.

The concerned PIO along with the concerned officials are directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this present case RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The Appellant is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which it would be presumed that the Appellant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 15.12.2021 at 12:30 P.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 15.12.2021 which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector -16, Chandigarh.

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Dated: 19.10.2021

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Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan,

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Distt Sangrur. M : 85095-80002

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,
Barnala. (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Inspector General of Police,
Patiala Range, Patiala.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1401 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is present.
Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh, DSP Tapa along with Sh. Tarsem Singh, Reader to DSP Tapa is present from Department.

ORDER:

On the previous hearing dated 03.08.2021, the concerned PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing i.e. today.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan states that no information has been supplied to him and further states that now the department is saying that no complaint has been received by them as he himself submitted the document to the then DSP, Sh. Ravinder Singh Randawa.

On the other hand, the DSP, Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh states that at that time the DSP was Sh. Ravinder Singh Randhawa, he will discuss with him and will update the status to the Commission.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the DSP, Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh and he is directed to have a word with the then DSP, Sh. Ravinder Singh Randhawa and discuss about the status of the Complaint and supply the information (i.e. **attested copy of information**) to the Appellant along with a copy to the Commission and if the information is not available with the concerned PIO then the concerned PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit signed by the PIO explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to **22.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **22.12.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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Sh. Gurmej Lal,

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Down Canal Road, Simla Puri, Ludhiana. (141003)

M : 9781672776, 98887-10031

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Malerkotla,

Distt. Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Malerkotla,

Distt. Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1605 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal is present.

Sh. Charan Singh, Junior Engineer is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 03.08.2021 vide which the concerned Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant at the time of his visit to their office.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal states that no information has been supplied to them and further requests for the same.

On the other hand, the Junior Engineer, Sh. Charan Singh states that the information which the Appellant has requested through his RTI is vague in nature and he did not check the record at the time of his visit. He further mentions about an email dated 27.08.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

After hearing both the parties, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on 25.10.2021 at 02.00 p.m. at the office of Sh. Charan Singh and meet him personally for collecting the requisite letter after identifying the same as per the RTI Application.

The concerned PIO is directed whatever information is available (or after collecting the same) at their office relating to this RTI Application be handed over to the Appellant at the time of his visit and if the information is not available with the concerned department, then the concerned PIO is directed to submit the same in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

If the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the information then it will be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the inspection could not take place from the Department's end then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned.

This case is adjourned to 22.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Distt. Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Malerkotla,
Distt. Sangrur.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1607 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal is present.
Sh. Charan Singh, Junior Engineer is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 03.08.2021 vide which the concerned Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant at the time of his visit to their office.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal states that no information has been supplied to them and further requests for the same.

On the other hand, the Junior Engineer, Sh. Charan Singh states that the information which the Appellant has requested through his RTI is vague in nature and he did not check the record at the time of his visit. He further mentions about an email dated 27.08.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

After hearing both the parties, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on 25.10.2021 at 02.00 p.m. at the office of Sh. Charan Singh and meet him personally for collecting the requisite letter after identifying the same as per the RTI Application.

The concerned PIO is directed whatever information is available (or after collecting the same) at their office relating to this RTI Application be handed over to the Appellant at the time of his visit and if the information is not available with the concerned department, then the concerned PIO is directed to submit the same in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

If the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the information then it will be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the inspection could not take place from the Department's end then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned.

This case is adjourned to 22.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 19.10.2021

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Jasbir Singh, S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
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Distt. Patiala (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

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

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2106 of 2020
{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is absent.
Sh. Gursewak Singh, Clerk From Tehsil office, Patiala is present.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 03.08.2021 vide which the concerned Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant at the time of his visit to their office.

In today's hearing, the Clerk, Sh. Gursewak Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant. In relating to this, he further mentions about a letter dated 02.09.2021 and email dated 19.10.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is absent today. An email dated 19.10.2021 has been received in the Commission vide which the Appellant is requesting for an adjournment as he could not be able to appear for today's hearing and further he has written that he has received the information through post but the information is not according to his RTI Application.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh and he is directed to go through the supplied information and **point out deficiencies properly in written, if any,** to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, within 3 weeks, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is also directed to appear on the next date of hearing positively which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

Also the PIO is directed supply the **information again (i.e. after removing the deficiencies if pointed out by the Appellant)** to the Appellant along with a copy to the Commission and if the information is not available with the concerned PIO then the concerned PIO is directed to file a proper reply in writing signed by the PIO explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant again, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 22.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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