

Pankaj Bansal
S/o Sh. Surinder Kumar,
Ward No. – 01,
Sangar Patti Road, Dhanaula,
District – Barnala - 148105(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Dhanaula,
Distt. – Barnala (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2838 of 2021

Present : Sh. Pankaj Bansal, the appellant in person.
Sh. Manpreet Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The hearing in the instant appeal-case, which was fixed to be heard on 30.05.2022,
could not held due to technical fault in connection of network and the case was adjourned for
today i. e. 20.06.2022.

The RTI request is dated 23.11.2020. First appeal is dated 25.01.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.06.2021.

On an earlier date of hearing, held on 07.03.2022 ;

- i) Sh. Manpreet Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, stated that the requisite information could not be supplied to the appellant as required fee of Rs. 1914/- was not deposited by him, which was demanded from him vide letter no. 546 dated 08.12.2020. He also intimated that the penalty of Rs. 10,000/-, which was imposed vide orders dated 14.12.2021, was deposited and a reply with a copy of challan-receipt was sent to the Commission.
- ii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to deposit the required fee to the office of respondent PIO concerned and take certified copies of the requisite information.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant after receiving the required fee from him.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information and 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 appellant, Sh. Pankaj Bansal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

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Sh. Manpreet Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information is ready to be supplied but could not be supplied to the appellant, Sh. Pankaj Bansal as he has failed to deposit the required fee of Rs. 1914/- for certified copies of information running into 957 pages, which was demanded from him vide letter no. 546 dated 08.12.2020 within stipulated time as RTI request was received in the office on 02.12.2020 and the fee was demanded on 08.12.2020. Copy of the same is already placed in the case-file.

After examining the case-file, it is found that required fee of Rs. 1914/- for certified copies of information running into 957 pages, was demanded from the appellant within the stipulated time under provisions of the RTI Act and despite giving an opportunity vide orders dated 07.03.2022 to the appellant to deposit the required fee to the office of respondent PIO concerned to take certified copies of the requisite information, he did not deposit the required fee.

The appellant is advised to deposit the required fee as demanded by the respondent PIO concerned to get the required information.

The case is disposed of and closed with the directions to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the requisite information to the appellant only after receiving the required fee from the appellant.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab