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



Sh. Gurmeet Singh, S/o Sh. Surmukh Singh,
2072, Bhai Mastan Singh Nagar,
Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Central Works Division Number 02, (B & R),
Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Construction Division (B & R),
Amritsar (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3161 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department as well.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that various letters have been received in the Commission signed by Executive Engineer in which it has been written that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and the Appellant is satisfied with the same and along with this a copy of letters dated 19.01.2021 which has been sent to the Commission in which it has been written that approximately 700 pages of information has been supplied to the Appellant and the Appellant has written 'Received' along with his signatures at the bottom of the letter signed on 19.01.2021 which is taken on record.

Similarly, another copy of letter dated 19.01.2021 which has been received in the Commission in which it has been written that approximately 850 pages of information has been supplied to the Appellant and the Appellant has written 'Received' along with his signatures at the bottom of the letter signed on 19.01.2021 which is taken on record.

In view of above, the department is directed to clarify the facts of this case by mentioning the exact number of pages which has been supplied to the Appellant whether it is 700 or 850 pages in this present case as both the letters of same dates i.e. 19.01.2021 have been attached in this file and further PIO is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software for clarifying the facts of this case failing which disciplinary action would be recommended against the PIO.

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

Also last opportunity is given to the Appellant and he 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, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits.

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This case is adjourned to 04.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 04.10.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number for joining is 1589136034.

Dated: 20.07.2021

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Central Works Division Number 02, (B & R),
Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Construction Division (B & R),
Amritsar (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2686 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department as well.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that various letters have been received in the Commission signed by Executive Engineer in which it has been written that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and the Appellant is satisfied with the same and along with this a copy of letters dated 19.01.2021 which has been sent to the Commission in which it has been written that approximately 700 pages of information has been supplied to the Appellant and the Appellant has written 'Received' along with his signatures at the bottom of the letter signed on 19.01.2021 which is taken on record.

Similarly, another copy of letter dated 19.01.2021 which has been received in the Commission in which it has been written that approximately 850 pages of information has been supplied to the Appellant and the Appellant has written 'Received' along with his signatures at the bottom of the letter signed on 19.01.2021 which is taken on record.

In view of above, Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as they are absent today without any intimation to the Commission.

Last opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and the PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand or through registered before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

Also, the concerned PIO is directed to clarify the facts of this case by mentioning the exact number of pages which has been supplied to the Appellant whether it is 700 or 850 pages in this present case as

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both the letters of same dates i.e. 19.01.2021 have been attached in this file and further PIO is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software for clarifying the facts of this case failing which disciplinary action would be recommended against the PIO.

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

Also last opportunity is given to the Appellant as well and he 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, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits.

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Sh. Raj Kumar, S/o Sh. Amarnath,
144, Sun City, Amlah Road, Khanna (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Divisional Forest Officer,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Conservator of Forests, Punjab,
South Circle, Opposite Central Jail, Patiala (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2373 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Raj Kumar is present.
Sh. Sukhpal Singh, Forest Range Officer, Samrala is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Raj Kumar states that as per the last order of the Commission, he has visited the concerned office for inspection on 09.02.2021 but nobody attended him as he has waited there for hours.

On the other hand, the Forest Range Officer, Sh. Sukhpal Singh states that as the Appellant, Sh. Raj Kumar had visited their concerned office with a third person, therefore they did not show the documents to them, this contention of Sh. Sukhpal Singh is unacceptable.

After discussing with both the parties, the Appellant is directed **to visit at the office of concerned PIO on Thursday i.e. 22.07.2021 at 11:00 A. M.** and gather the record after inspecting the same as per the RTI Application.

The concerned PIO and Sh. Sukhpal Singh, Forest Range Officer are directed to be present there on the said date and time to facilitate the Appellant and supply the specific record required by the Appellant relating to this case, as per RTI Application.

Also, if this time the inspection does not take place due to any reason from the concerned Respondent / PIO then suitable action would be taken against the PIO.

If the Appellant does not visit to the concerned office on the said date and time then it would be presumed that the Appellant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The Appellant, Sh. Raj Kumar is also directed that after inspection if he is not satisfied with the supplied information then the Appellant is directed to submit the letter of deficiencies to the concerned PIO by hand along with a copy to the Commission within the same day through email.

This case is adjourned to **04.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **04.10.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number for joining is 1589136034.**

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Sh. Sucha Singh, S/o Sh. Dev Singh,
R/o Village Dharar, Sub Tehsil Jandiala Guru,
Amritsar (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Khadoor Sahib, Distt. Tarn Taran (Punjab)

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3256 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Sucha Singh is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission but an email dated 17.06.2021 along with a cover letter dated 16.06.2021 and a cover letter dated 16.06.2021 has been received in the Commission, vide which information has been sent to the Appellant in which it has been written that: "ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਦਫਤਰ ਕਾਨੂੰਗੋ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਕੇ ਨਿਮਨ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।", which is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the Appellant's side but an email dated 20.07.2021 has been received in the Commission from the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Kamal Sodhi, Advocate vide which Sh. Kamal Sodhi has requested for an adjournment, which is taken on record.

In view of this, an adjournment is given to the Appellant and further he 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, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits.

On the other hand, the concerned PIO is directed to send the copy of supplied information along with a copy of registered postal receipts (vide which information has been sent to the Appellant) to the Commission through email before the next date of hearing positively.

This case is adjourned to 04.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 04.10.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number for joining is 1589136034.

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Dated: 20.07.2021

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Rajinder Singh, S/o Sh. Om Kumar,
VPO KotFatuhi,
Tehsil Garhshankar and Distt. Hoshiarpur (144519) (Punjab)
V/s.

Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
P.W.D (B & R), Provincial Division,
Sangrur (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P.W.D (B & R), Circle Sangrur (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2210 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Singh is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date. He further mentions about his email dated 28.04.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through the case file it has been observed that an email dated 29.04.2021 has been received in the Commission in which a copy of the order dated 25.01.2021 of the Commission is attached and at the bottom of the order the endorsement number 13889 dated 24.02.2021 is written and it has also been written that "ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਦਾ ਉਤਾਰਾ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਂਤਕ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਸੰਗਰੂਰ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।" signed by the Executive Engineer and the same is taken on record.

In view of above, the Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the Respondent/ PIO, as the concerned Respondent / PIO is absent today without any intimation to the Commission and moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the Respondent/ PIO to the information seeker.

Accordingly, for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of The Executive Engineer, P.W.D (B & R), Provincial Division, Sangrur (Punjab).

A copy of this order be sent to concerned PIO through registered post.

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 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 the next date of hearing.

Final opportunity is also given to the PIO concerned to supply complete information to the Appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing, failing further action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

The Appellant, Sh. Rajinder 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, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 04.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 04.10.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number for joining is 1589136034.

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Sh. Manpreet Singh, S/o Sh. Mansa Ram,
85- G, Gobind Nagar, Model Town, Patiala. Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director,
State Transport Punjab,
Sector -17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Director,
State Transport Punjab,
Sector -17, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 21 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : Sh. Kamalpreet Singh is present on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Manpreet Singh.
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Kamalpreet Singh states that the information which has been supplied to them is incomplete in nature and further requests for remaining information i.e. noting copies, correspondence, qualifications etc. He further mentions about an email dated 20.07.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record. On asking the representative of the Appellant, which point of the information is pending, he was unable to tell the point number to the Court as he was not having the RTI Application in his hand at that time.

On the other hand, the Respondent / PIO, Sh. Kuldeep Singh states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant and if there would be any discrepancies then the Appellant or his representative could send them email regarding the same. He further mentions about an email dated 28.04.2021 and a letter vide endorsement number 4015-07 dated 26.04.2021 along with information is attached, which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

After going through the case file, the Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information, and point out deficiencies (pointwise) in written to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or email within 2 days, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits.

On the other hand, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand or through registered after removing the deficiencies (**as per RTI Application**) before the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

This case is adjourned to 04.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 04.10.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number for joining is 1589136034.

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Sh. Ashok Kumar,
H. No. 1289, Morni Wala Khuh,
Derabassi, District Mohali (140501)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
KAD, Water Resource Management,
Sector -18, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Water Resource Department, Punjab,
(Water Cell),
Sector -18, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2100 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar is present.
Sh. Balvir Singh, Executive Engineer is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the Executive Engineer, Sh. Balvir Singh states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant and he further mentions about an email dated 28.04.2021 and a letter number 1207-08 dated 27.04.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

After discussing with both the parties, the Appellant is directed to visit at the office of concerned PIO on Thursday i.e. 22.07.2021 at 11:00 A. M. and gather the record after inspecting the same as per the RTI Application.

The concerned PIO and Sh. Balvir Singh, Executive Engineer are directed to be present there on the said date and time to facilitate the Appellant and supply the specific record required by the Appellant relating to this case, as per RTI Application.

Also, if the inspection could not take place due to any reason from the concerned Respondent / PIO then a strict action would be taken against the PIO.

If the Appellant does not visit to the concerned office on the said date and time then it would be presumed that the Appellant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The Appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar is also directed that after inspection if he is not satisfied with the supplied information then the Appellant is directed to submit the letter of deficiencies to the concerned PIO by hand along with a copy to the Commission within the same day through email.

This case is adjourned to 04.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 04.10.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number for joining is 1589136034.

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Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, S/o Sh. Banta Singh,
Village –Dhupsari, P.O. Govt. Polytechnic College,
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur (Punjab)

V/s.

Complainant

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Divisional Forest Officer,
Gurdaspur (Punjab).

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 506 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Complainant, Sh. Sukhwinder Singh is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Kamalpreet Singh states that incomplete information has been supplied to him. He further states that he has received some information yesterday and that is incomplete in nature.

On the other hand, the Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through the case file, the Complainant is directed to go through the supplied information, and point out deficiencies (pointwise) in written to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or email to the concerned department within a week, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits.

Commission takes a very serious view of the casual approach of the concerned PIO, as the information relating to the concerned RTI is still pending and moreover, the Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' PIO O/o The Divisional Forest Officer, Gurdaspur, 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.

The concerned PIO is advised to supply the requisite information to the Complainant by hand or through registered post (after removing the deficiencies) before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant till date.

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



The Complainant is advised to go through the supplied information, once he receives the **information again** from the Respondent/PIO (after deficiencies got removed) and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **04.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **04.10.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number for joining is 1589136034.**

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Punjab

Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Managing Director,
Punjab State Seeds Corporation Limited,
'Kheti Bhawan' 4th Floor, Phase 6, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 525 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Complainant, Sh. Madan Lal is present.
Sh. Vinod Kumar, Senior Assistant –cum- PIO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Madan Lal states that the information which has been supplied to him is having discrepancies in it and the same has been pointed out to the Commission vide letter dated 07.04.2021 and 28.04.2021 which has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 16.4.2021 and 28.04.2021.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Vinod Kumar states that no such deficiencies email / letter has been received by them till date. He further mentions about an email dated 27.04.2021 and a letter dated 26.03.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On further discussion with both the parties, it has been found that the Complainant, Sh. Madan Lal has sent the deficiencies letter to the Commission instead of sending the same to the Department.

After going through the case file, the Complainant is directed to go through the supplied information, and point out deficiencies (pointwise) in written to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or email to the concerned department by today, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits.

The concerned PIO is advised to supply the requisite information to the Complainant by hand or through registered post (after removing the deficiencies) before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant till date.

This case is adjourned to 04.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 04.10.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number for joining is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 20.07.2021

Sd/-
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Sahbaj Khan, S/o Sahzad Jhan,
H. no. 224, Street No. 09,
Village – Mohali , Phase -1,
Mohali (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Additional Labour Commissioner,
District Administrative Complex,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Sector 76, 4th Floor, Room No. 507,
S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) Punjab.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Labour Commissioner,
Phase - 10, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)
Punjab.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2253 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sahbaj Khan is present.
Sh. Chanchal Deep, Labour Enforcement Officer is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sahbaj Khan states that no information has been supplied to him and further requests for the same. He further mentions about an email dated 02.11.2020 which was sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Labour Enforcement Officer, Sh. Chanchal Deep states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant.

On having the discussion with both the parties, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (pointwise) to the Appellant by hand or through registered post before the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason (instead of answering it as NIL), why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the information 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, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **04.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **04.10.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number for joining is 1589136034.**

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Dated: 20.07.2021

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Ms. Tamana, Advocate,
District Courts, Bathinda (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 20 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gaurav Munjal is present.
Sh. Baljeet Singh, Section Officer is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Section Officer, Sh. Baljeet Singh states that the Appellant did not visit their office for inspection on 25.02.2021.

On the other hand, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gaurav Munjal states that he does not know about the last order of the Commission dated 25.01.2021 but they did visit the concerned office on 03.11.2021 and the Data Entry Operator was unavailable.

After discussing with both the parties, last opportunity is given to the Appellant and Advocate, Ms. Tamana is further directed to visit herself at the office of concerned PIO on Monday i.e. 26.07.2021 at 11:00 A. M. and gather the record after inspecting the same as per the RTI Application.

The PIO and Sh. Baljeet Singh, Section Officer are directed to be present there on the said date and time to facilitate the Appellant and supply the specific record required by the Appellant relating to this case, as per RTI Application.

Also, if the inspection could not take place due to any reason from the concerned Respondent / PIO then a strict action would be taken against the PIO.

If the Appellant herself does not visit to the concerned office on the said date and time then it would be presumed that the Appellant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The Appellant, Ms. Tamana is also directed that after inspection if she is not satisfied with the supplied information then the Appellant is directed to submit the letter of deficiencies to the concerned PIO by hand along with a copy to the Commission within the same day through email.

This case is adjourned to 04.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 04.10.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number for joining is 1589136034.

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Sh. Ravinder Kataria,
64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar,
Dugri Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1939 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria states that the information has been supplied to him vide email but it is not accessible by him and the concerned authority has to give him the permission so that he could be able to access the attached documents. He further states that he has discussed the same with the Clerk, Sh. Gurdev Singh. He also mentions about his email dated 18.07.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

In view of above, last opportunity is given to the PIO and further they are directed to grant the permission to the Appellant so that the Appellant could be able to open the attached documents and go through the same.

The PIO is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing, which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software.

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

The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information, once he has access and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 05.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 05.10.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number for joining is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 20.07.2021

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Sh. Baljeet Singh,
S/o Sh. Bachan Singh,
64 – H, B. R. S. Nagar, Ludhiana (141012) Punjab

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairman,
Improvement Trust, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2541 of 2019

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Baljeet Singh is present.
Sh. Yadvinder Singh, Accountant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 25.01.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Baljeet Singh states that the no information has been supplied to him.

On this, the Accountant, Sh. Yadvinder Singh states that the action taken report has been sent to the Appellant and vide endorsement number 2077 dated 23.04.2021 has also been sent to the Commission and is taken on record. He further mentions that the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- (which was imposed on 26.11.2020) has also been deposited to the Government Treasury and the copy of the same has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 27.04.2021, which is taken on record. He further mentions about a letter vide endorsement dated 19.02.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On this, the Appellant, Sh. Baljeet Singh states that he has not received any action taken report. And further mentions about an email dated 26.04.2021, which is taken on record.

In view of above, the PIO is directed to supply the **information again to the Appellant by registered post by the next week** and send the copy of postal receipts to the Commission through email.

The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information, once he will receive the same and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to **05.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **05.10.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Meeting Id Number for joining is 1589136034.**

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Dated: 20.07.2021

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Village Adial, P.O. Shahpurkandi Township,
Shahpur, Tehsil and Distt. Pathankot (145029) Punjab

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
Department of Water Resources,
RSD, Shahpurkandi Township,
Tehsil and Distt. Pathankot.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Administration and Disposal Block,
RSD, Shahpurkandi Township,
Tehsil and Distt. Pathankot.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2651 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The representative of the Appellant, Sh. Varun Bansal is present.
Sh. Anurag Grover, Executive Engineer –cum- PIO Personnel Division Number 02 is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 02.03.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Varun Bansal states that no information has been supplied to him.

On this, the PIO, Sh. Anurag Grover explains about how the record meant to be 20 years old and further explains various things which are not relevant to this case. He also mentions about a letter dated 20.04.2021, 22.04.2021, an email dated 23.04.2021 and another email 23.04.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

The Appellant is asking about a letter 06.12.2018 through his RTI Application dated 26.11.2019 and the department has to explain what has been done relating to that letter dated 06.12.2018.

On having the further discussion it has been decided that the department will submit the pointwise reply to the Court and the PIO is directed to appear in the Court Room at the Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Chandigarh along with the all relevant documents relating to this case. If the PIO will not visit on the next date of hearing then a strict action would be taken against the PIO.

Also, the Appellant or the representative of the Appellant is directed to appear in the Court Room at the Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Chandigarh along with the all relevant documents relating to this case. If the Appellant does not visit on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he does not require the information any more and the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 19.08.2021 at 12:00 Noon and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 19.08.2021 which is going to be heard in the Court Room at the Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal,
S/o Ram Roop,
Sunam, (Sangrur) Punjab

Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Sunam, Distt. Sangrur (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies, Punjab,
Mini Secretariat, Patiala.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4070 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 22.03.2021 and was adjourned for 28.04.2021 but due to technical fault it could not be heard on 28.04.2021; therefore, this instant appeal case was adjourned for today i.e. 20.07.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal states that no information has been supplied to him. He further states that the department is not giving them the relevant answers relating to his RTI Application. He further mentions about an email dated 01.04.2021 and another email dated 15.07.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On this, the Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as nobody appear from the Department today and still the information is pending.

In view of above, the department is directed to give the point wise reply to the Court and the PIO is directed to appear in the Court Room at the Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Chandigarh along with the all relevant documents relating to this case. If the PIO will not visit on the next date of hearing then a strict action would be taken against the PIO.

Also, the Appellant is directed to appear in the Court Room at the Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Chandigarh along with the all relevant documents relating to this case. If the Appellant does not visit on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 19.08.2021 at 12:00 Noon and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 19.08.2021 which is going to be heard in the Court Room at the Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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