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



Ms. Rupinder Kaur Gill,
410, National City Homes, G.T. Road, Amritsar (Punjab)
M: 88470-55308

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
To Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 03,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
To Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 03,
Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 525 of 2021
{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Ms. Rupinder Kaur Gill is present.
Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, PIO; LG - II Branch along with Sh. Gagandeep Senior Assistant, LG –II Branch is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case may be read with the reference of previous order dated 05.07.2021 vide which the respondent PIO concerned was directed to either supply the required information to the appellant or send a reply, in writing, to the queries raised by information seeker through his RTI request, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. Also, an opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information / reply, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

In today's hearing, PIO, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar states that the information has been sent to the Appellant through registered post as well as through email along with a copy to the Commission. On further asking about the postal receipts from the PIO, he states that all the posts/ Dakk of their office are dispatched from the Punjab Secretariat, so they donot have the postal receipt of the same.

On this, the Appellant, Ms. Rupinder Kaur states that no letters or emails have been received by her relating to this case.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as the information is still not supplied to the Appellant as per order of the Commission dated 05.07.2021.

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 Principal Secretary To Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 03, Chandigarh, 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.

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The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email **within week 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 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.

Also, the Appellant, Ms. Rupinder Kaur 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 **06.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **06.12.2021** 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: 20.09.2021

Show Cause:

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Principal Secretary
To Government of Punjab,
Department of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Plot Number 03,
Chandigarh.
{Encl. RTI Application}

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Kamal Kishore Shukla,
H. No. 500, Sector 20-A, Chandigarh.

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Technical Education and Industrial Training Department,
Punjab, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Technical Education and Industrial Training Department,
Punjab, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4661 of 2019
{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Kamal Kishore Shukla is present.
Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case may be read with the reference of previous order dated 05.07.2021 vide which the Appellant was directed to inspect the record by visiting the concerned office on 12.07.2021 at 12.00 Noon and the concerned PIO was directed to facilitate the Appellant to inspect the relevant record during his visit to the office so that the information could be identified by him.

In today's hearing, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar states that the Appellant visited their office and inspected the record / file relating to the his RTI but there was no such record has been found in the file relating to dispatch no.625 dated 08.05.2018 (as written in the RTI).

On the other hand, the Appellant, Sh. Kamal Kishore states that whatever information has been shown to him during the inspection that does not relates to his RTI. He further mentions about his letter dated 07.08.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

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 is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to the RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The Appellant or the representative of 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 **21.10.2021 at 12:00 Noon** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **21.10.2021** 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.

Dated: 20.09.2021

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State Information Commissioner
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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta,
8 / 237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana (141101)

V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3471 of 2019

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta is present.
Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case may be read with the reference of previous order dated 05.07.2021 vide which the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of required information to the appellant through registered post or email with a copy to the Commission positively. Also, an opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant states that he has visited the concerned office on 17.09.2021 for collecting the information but he was not provided with the same.

On this, the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi states that the information was sent to the Appellant's house by hand but he was gone to a marriage function, so no one received the information. He further states that the information is ready with them in all the cases (i.e. AC: 3471 of 2019 present case, AC: 2610 of 2019, AC: 2609 of 2019 and 4516 of 2019 another cases) which are going to be heard by the undersigned today and the Appellant could collect the same anytime by visiting their office.

After hearing this, the Appellant states that he would like to visit the office right now as the concerned office is at the walking distance from his house and it will take him 2 minutes to reach there. So, he requests the Court that he will go to the concerned department right now and would collect the record relating to all the cases along with that he would also inform the Commission about the information which he would receive from the office.

The request of the Appellant is accepted.

After this both the parties, i.e. Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar as well as the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi left the Cisco Webex Meeting and they didnot join back the meeting until 15-20 minutes and by that time the Court / meeting gets ended.

Both the parties i.e. Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar as well as the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi are directed to explain the facts of this case by mentioning what has happened today after the Appellant's visit to the concerned office or if the Appellant has collected the record or if the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information or not.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar 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 06.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 06.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Appellant

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Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2610 of 2019

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta is present.
Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case may be read with the reference of previous order dated 05.07.2021 vide which the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of required information to the appellant through registered post or email with a copy to the Commission positively. Also, an opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant states that he has visited the concerned office on 17.09.2021 for collecting the information but he was not provided with the same.

On this, the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi states that the information was sent to the Appellant's house by hand but he was gone to a marriage function, so no one received the information. He further states that the information is ready with them in all the cases (i.e. AC: 2610 of 2019 present case, AC: 3471 of 2019, AC: 2609 of 2019 and 4516 of 2019 another cases) which are going to be heard by the undersigned today and the Appellant could collect the same anytime by visiting their office.

After hearing this, the Appellant states that he would like to visit the office right now as the concerned office is at the walking distance from his house and it will take him 2 minutes to reach there. So, he requests the Court that he will go to the concerned department right now and would collect the record relating to all the cases along with that he would also inform the Commission about the information which he would receive from the office.

The request of the Appellant is accepted.

After this both the parties, i.e. Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar as well as the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi left the Cisco Webex Meeting and they didnot join back the meeting until 15-20 minutes and by that time the Court / meeting gets ended.

Both the parties i.e. Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar as well as the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi are directed to explain the facts of this case by mentioning what has happened today after the Appellant's visit to the concerned office or if the Appellant has collected the record or if the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information or not.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar 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 **06.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **06.12.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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District Ludhiana (141101)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2609 of 2019

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta is present.
Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case may be read with the reference of previous order dated 05.07.2021 vide which the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of required information to the appellant through registered post or email with a copy to the Commission positively. Also, an opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant states that he has visited the concerned office on 17.09.2021 for collecting the information but he was not provided with the same.

On this, the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi states that the information was sent to the Appellant's house by hand but he was gone to a marriage function, so no one received the information. He further states that the information is ready with them in all the cases (i.e. AC: 2609 of 2019 present case, AC: 3471 of 2019, AC: 2610 of 2019 and 4516 of 2019 another cases) which are going to be heard by the undersigned today and the Appellant could collect the same anytime by visiting their office.

After hearing this, the Appellant states that he would like to visit the office right now as the concerned office is at the walking distance from his house and it will take him 2 minutes to reach there. So, he requests the Court that he will go to the concerned department right now and would collect the record relating to all the cases along with that he would also inform the Commission about the information which he would receive from the office.

The request of the Appellant is accepted .

After this both the parties, i.e. Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar as well as the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi left the Cisco Webex Meeting and they didnot join back the meeting until 15-20 minutes and by that time the Court / meeting gets ended.

Both the parties i.e. Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar as well as the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi are directed to explain the facts of this case by mentioning what has happened today after the Appellant's visit to the concerned office or if the Appellant has collected the record or if the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information or not.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar 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 **06.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **06.12.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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Appellant

V/s.

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O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4516 of 2019

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta is present.
Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case may be read with the reference of previous order dated 05.07.2021 vide which the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of required information to the appellant through registered post or email with a copy to the Commission positively. Also, an opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant states that he has visited the concerned office on 17.09.2021 for collecting the information but he was not provided with the same.

On this, the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi states that the information was sent to the Appellant's house by hand but he was gone to a marriage function, so no one received the information. He further states that the information is ready with them in all the cases (i.e. AC: 4516 of 2019 present case, AC: 3471 of 2019, AC: 2610 of 2019 and 2609 of 2019 another cases) which are going to be heard by the undersigned today and the Appellant could collect the same anytime by visiting their office.

After hearing this, the Appellant states that he would like to visit the office right now as the concerned office is at the walking distance from his house and it will take him 2 minutes to reach there. So, he requests the Court that he will go to the concerned department right now and would collect the record relating to all the cases along with that he would also inform the Commission about the information which he would receive from the office.

The request of the Appellant is accepted.

After this both the parties, i.e. Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar as well as the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi left the Cisco Webex Meeting and they didnot join back the meeting until 15-20 minutes and by that time the Court / meeting gets ended.

Both the parties i.e. Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar as well as the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi are directed to explain the facts of this case by mentioning what has happened today after the Appellant's visit to the concerned office or if the Appellant has collected the record or if the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information or not.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar 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 **06.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **both the parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **06.12.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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



Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 02,
Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Amritsar (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1646 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case may be read with the reference of previous order dated 07.07.2021 vide which the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of required information to the appellant through registered post or email with a copy to the Commission. Also, an opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent but a phone call has been received by the bench of undersigned vide which the Appellant requests for an adjournment in this present case as he cannot appear today due to death of his relative. He further adds by saying that no information has been supplied to him.

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

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO vide order 07.07.2021 but still the concerned PIO is absent and no information has been supplied to the Appellant till date.

After seeing the conduct of the concerned respondent PIO and for holding guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 02, Amritsar (Punjab).

A copy of this order along with the RTI Application be sent to the 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 sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Final opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO concerned either to supply the certified copies of the requisite information through registered post or e-mail to the Appellant or file a point wise reply, in an affidavit, to

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each and every query, raised by the Appellant through his RTI request as per official record by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing, failing which disciplinary action would be recommended against him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Applicant.

The FAA O/o The Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Amritsar (Punjab) is also directed to look into this matter and make assure that the orders of the Commission should be complied well in time. A copy of this order be sent to the FAA through registered post.

An opportunity is also given to the Appellant to confirm whether he has received the information/reply or not. Also, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan 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 06.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 06.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Punjab

CC:

- (Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 02,
Amritsar (Punjab) (Encl. RTI Application)
- (Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority,**
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Amritsar (Punjab)

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O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.1,
Bathinda (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Bathinda (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1649 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case may be read with the reference of previous order dated 07.07.2021 vide which an opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information / reply vide letter dated 07.07.2021 and the Appellant was directed to point out deficiencies if any.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent but a phone call has been received by the bench of undersigned vide which the Appellant requests for an adjournment in this present case as he cannot appear today due to death in his relative. He further adds by saying that empty envelope has been received by him.

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

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as the information is still not supplied to the Appellant and the Respondent / PIO is absent today 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' Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.1, Bathinda (Punjab), 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 supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post as well as through email **within week 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 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.

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Also, the Appellant, Yogesh Mahajan 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 06.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 06.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
 O/o The Executive Engineer,
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 {Encl. RTI Application}