



Pawan Kumar Sharma, Advocate,
Kothi No. 585, Phase – 02,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) -160055 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3869 of 2020

Present : Sh. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Rajeev Sagggar, Superintendent-cum-PIO, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 26.05.2020. First appeal is dated 23.07.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.03.2021, Sh. Rajeev Sagggar, Superintendent office of Chief Vigilance Officer of Local Government Department, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 923 dated 28.08.2020, intimating him that the information sought by the appellant is regarding an enquiry report on a letter dated 04.09.2019 and enquiry has not been completed yet. The appellant stated that he had not received the above-mentioned reply. The respondent PIO concerned was directed to send the above-mentioned reply again to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the reply or not.

The appellant, Sh. Pawan Kumar Sharma, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Sh. Rajeev Sagggar, Superintendent-cum-PIO, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information could not be supplied to the appellant as the information sought for by him is regarding an enquiry report on a letter dated 04.09.2019 and enquiry has not been completed yet and whenever it would be completed, it would be given to the appellant positively. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 993 dated 19.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8761 dated 19.04.2021. It is taken on record.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to file a reply in writing, mentioning by when the enquiry would be completed. If, enquiry would be completed by the next date of hearing then certified copies of the required information be supplied to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, positively.

The case is adjourned to 6th September, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 21st June, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Navjit Singh S/o Sh. Karam Singh,
V.P.O. – Manochahal Kalan,
Teh. & Distt. – Tarn Taran - 143401 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Tarn Taran (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3892 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Reema Sharma, Junior Assistant-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 01.07.2020. First appeal is dated 15.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.03.2021, Ms. Reema Sharma, Senior Assistant, stated that the requisite information was been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 355317 dated 22.12.2020 through registered post. The appellant stated that incomplete information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO at point no. 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09 and 10 and whatever information has been supplied to him at point no. 01 and 02, is uncertified. Final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the legible and duly attested copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was given to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Navjit Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

Ms. Reema Sharma, Junior Assistant-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information of 78 pages, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant, has been sent to him vide letter no. 52352-53 dated 10.05.2021. She also intimates the Commission that a detailed reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 10.05.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Dairy No. 10630 dated 18.05.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information sent to him vide letter dated 10.05.2021 or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO and the case would be decided on merits.

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Jarnail Singh S/o Sh. Thakar Singh,
23/14, Anand Nagar – B,
Tripri, Paiala - 147001(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3894 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Manveer Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO, LG - I Branch, on behalf of the respondent ;
Sh. Harkiranpal Singh. S. E., Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana ('Third Party' himself).

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 27.06.2020. First appeal is dated 21.09.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.03.2021, Sh. Mahavir Singh, APIO, stated that the information sought by the appellant through his RTI request could not be supplied to him as it is 'third party' information. After going through the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, it is found that the information demanded by the appellant at point no. 01, 02 and 03 is not 'third party' information, hence, directions were given to the respondent PIO to supply the required information demanded by the appellant at point no 01, 02 and 03 of RTI request to the appellant and for remaining points at 04 and 05, the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to send a written reply to the appellant, mentioning the reasons that information is not givable or not maintained in the office or 'third party' information. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not.

Sh. Manveer Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO, LG - I Branch, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that at point no. 02 of the RTI request is ready and at point no. 03 of the RTI request, copies of service book of four employees of the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and they (four employees) have denied to disclose their information to anyone.

Sh. Harkiranpal Singh. S. E., Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana ('Third Party' himself) one of the four employees of the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, regarding whom information has been demanded through RTI request and through a letter dated 10.05.2021(received in the Commission through an e-mail) he has requested the Commission to give him an opportunity to plead the case. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jarnail Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to represent this case in person on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of the case.

The respondent PIO is also directed to remain present in person on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

The case is adjourned to 6th September, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Ashok Kumar Watts
S/o Sh. Des Raj,
H. No. B-V-1534, Street – 01,
Lajpat Nagar,
Abohar, Distt. – Fazilka-152116(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
(L G – 3 Branch),
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4032 of 2020

Present : Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 07.09.2020. First appeal is dated 08.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.03.2021, Sh. Rajesh, Dealing Assistant (representative of the respondent PIO) could not make himself available to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the instant appeal case and through telephonic communication, he sought an adjournment in this case. Another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request and send a copy of the same to the Commission. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 24.03.2021. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government (L G – 3 Branch), as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request and send a copy of the same to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

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Ajit Singh Talwandi,
Village – Nikku Chakk,
P. O. – Hajipur, Tehsil – Mukerian,
Distt. – Hoshiarpur – 144221 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4037 of 2020

Present : Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi, the appellant in person.
Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o D. E. O.(Elem.), Hoshiarpur, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 07.07.2020. First appeal is dated 17.08.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.03.2021, Sh. Sanjiv Gautam, District Education Officer(Elem.), Hoshiarpur, sought an adjournment in this case so that complete information could be supplied to the appellant. Final opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request and send a copy of the same to the Commission. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO office of D. E. O.(Elem.), Hoshiarpur, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the appellant was not satisfied with the earlier enquiry report, hence, a fresh enquiry was made and report dated 07.06.2021 has been sent to the appellant, vide letter dated 08.06.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 183231-32 dated 08.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 12630 dated 10.06.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that complete information has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

An opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to file a written reply, in writing, signed by the District Education Officer(Elem.), Hoshiarpur, to the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request alongwith enquiry report on letters dated 20.02.2020 and 06.03.2020 as demanded through RTI request dated 07.07.2020 and send the same to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information/reply (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not.

The case is adjourned to 6th September, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Village – Nikku Chakk, P. O. – Hajipur,
Tehsil – Mukerian, Distt. – Hoshiarpur – 144221 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4038 of 2020

Present : Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi, the appellant in person.
Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO , in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 07.07.2020. First appeal is dated 17.08.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.03.2021, Sh. Sanjiv Gautam, District Education Officer(Elem.), Hoshiarpur, sought an adjournment in this case so that complete information could be supplied to the appellant. Final opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that a similar RTI request dated 07.07.2020 has been filed by the appellant in another case i. e. A. C. No. 4037 of 2020, which is addressed to Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar and the contents of the information sought for by the appellant in that (another) case and the present RTI application, are the same, hence, the same has been forwarded by the office of D. P. I.(Elem.), Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar to office of D. E. O.(Elem.), Hoshiarpur.

The appellant, Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that contents of the RTI request filed in A. C. No. 4037 of 2020 and the present RTI application, are the same.

AS contents of the RTI request filed in another case i. e. A. C. No. 4037 of 2020 and the present RTI application, are the same. Hence, both the appeal cases i. e. 'A. C. No. 4037 of 2020' and A. C. No. 4038 of 2020 is hereby clubbed so that a common order could be passed in future hearings of the cases.

Accordingly, an opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to file a written reply, in writing, signed by the District Education Officer(Elem.), Hoshiarpur, to the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request alongwith enquiry report on letters dated 20.02.2020 and 06.03.2020 as demanded through RTI request dated 07.07.2020 and send the same to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information/reply (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not.

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

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. - 01,
Batala, Distt. - Gurdaspur (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3853 of 2020

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

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application ‘CISCO Webex Meetings’.
The RTI request is dated 02.09.2020. First appeal is dated 05.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.03.2021, Sh. Sukhdeep Singh Dhaliwal, Executive Engineer, sought an adjournment in this case so that complete information could be supplied to the appellant. Final opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Neither the respondent PIO nor his representative is present in today’s hearing. He has also not sent any document showing that the required information has been supplied to the appellant .

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, is not present in today’s hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding whether he received the information or not

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send the supporting documents, showing that certified copies of the required information has been supplied to the appellant, to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned or it would be assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 1st September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application ‘CISCO Webex Meetings’.

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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 & Sanitation Division No. II,
Gurdaspur (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3854 of 2020

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

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 02.09.2020. First appeal is dated 05.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.03.2021, the appellant stated that he had not received any information from the respondent PIO. The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request through registered post with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1034 dated 23.03.2021 signed by Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. II, Gurdaspur, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 7747 dated 05.04.2021, has intimated the Commission that the required information has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 23.03.2021 through an e-mail. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The respondent PIO has also sent another reply vide letter no. 2188 dated 18.06.2021 signed by Executive Engineer-cum-PIO, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. II, Gurdaspur, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that deficiencies have been pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 27.04.2021 and the required information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant, has been sent to the appellant by registered post vide letter dated 18.06.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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The respondent PIO has also sent a reply to the show-cause (issued vide orders dated 24.03.2021) vide letter no. 1435 dated 26.04.2021 signed by Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. II, Gurdaspur, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 9798 dated 30.04.2021. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, is not present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information sent to him vide letter dated 18.06.2021 or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO and the case would be decided on merits.

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. - 01,
Batala, Distt. - Gurdaspur (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3858 of 2020

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

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 02.09.2020. First appeal is dated 05.10.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.03.2021, the appellant stated that no
information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date. The respondent PIO
concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant,
as per queries raised by him through his RTI request through registered post with a copy to the
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Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. - 01,
Gurdaspur (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3862 of 2020

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

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application ‘CISCO Webex Meetings’.

The RTI request is dated 17.08.2020. First appeal is dated 10.09.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.03.2021, the appellant stated that incomplete information was received by him from the respondent PIO as information at point no. 03 of the RTI request is pending. Last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send the certified copies of the remaining information at point no. 03 of the RTI request to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the remaining information or not.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1630 dated 22.03.2021 signed by Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. - 01, Gurdaspur, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 7157 dated 30.03.2021, has intimated the Commission that the required information has been given to the appellant through registered post. It, alongwith annexure with a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, is not present in today’s hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding whether he received the information or not

Nevertheless, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 1st September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application ‘CISCO Webex Meetings’.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st June, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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