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

....Appellant

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

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

....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2794 of 2021

V/s.

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant in person. Sh. Parminder Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 01.03.2021. First appeal is dated 07.04.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.06.2021.

Sh. Parminder Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 20.09.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a copy of postal-receipt has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that states that he has not received the above-mentioned information till date.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant vide letter dated 20.09.2021 and probably same would be received by appellant within coming two or three days.

As only copy of postal-receipt has been sent and no forwarding letter or enclosure was sent to the Commission by the respondent, hence, the respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the supplied information (which was supplied to the appellant) to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 21.09.2021 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 or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 7th December, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Raj Kumar S/o Sh. Harbans Lal, House Number 992, Ward No. 26, Mohalla Kajia, Pathankot -145001 (Punjab)

V/s.

... Appellant

.....Respondent

Public Information Officer. O/o The Sub Divisional Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, (Sub Division No. 03) Now Sub Division Number 02, Pathankot. (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 01, Pathankot(Punjab)

Appeal Case No. 1372 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Sahil Saini, S. D. O.(Division - 02), in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 22.06.2020. First appeal is dated 16.10.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.03.2021. On the last date of hearing, held on 06.07.2021 :

- i) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant.
- An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the ii) information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. The appellant, Sh. Raj Kumar through a letter dated 21.08.2021, which has been

received in the Commission vide Diary No. 19103 dated 25.08.2021, has intimated the Commission that he has not received any information till date. It is taken on record.

Sh. Sahil Saini, S. D. O.(Division – 02), who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1105 dated 17.09.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no 1106 dated 17.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant vide letter dated 17.09.2021 and probably same would be received by appellant within coming two or three days.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the

information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 17.09.2021 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. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or the case would be decided on merits.

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

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Yogesh Mahajan S/o Late 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. 01, Bathinda. (Punjab)

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

..... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1637 of 2021

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 06.01.2021. First appeal is dated 08.02.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.03.2021.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 3842 dated 07.07.2021 signed by The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 01, Bathinda, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 15013 dated 09.07.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 3841 dated 07.07.2021. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received only forwarding letter but no information was attached with it.

As only forwarding letter without any enclosure has been received in the Commission, hence, the respondent PIO is directed to send a copy of the supplied information again to the appellant with a copy of the supplied information to the Commission by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received

the information, which would be sent to him by the respondent PIO 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 or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 7th December, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Yogesh Mahajan S/o Late 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, Hoshiarpur(Punjab) First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer,

Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

....Respondent

 Appeal Case No. 1639 of 2021

 Present :
 Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

 ORDER
 ORDER

> Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 06.01.2021. First appeal is dated 08.02.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.07.2021 ;

- i) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant.
- ii) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- iii) <u>A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public</u> <u>Information Officer concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.</u>

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 06.07.2021 with the directions to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing, moreover, the requisite information has also not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 06.07.2021, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 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, Hoshiarpur. 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
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	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 7th December, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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.....Appellant

....Respondent

V/s. Public Information Officer, (Regd. Post) O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Division No. 02, Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,

Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

Appeal Case No. 1640 of 2021

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 06.01.2021. First appeal is dated 08.02.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.07.2021 ;

- i) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant.
- ii) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- iii) <u>A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public</u> <u>Information Officer concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.</u>

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 06.07.2021 with the directions to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing, moreover, the requisite information has also not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 06.07.2021, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, 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, Hoshiarpur.



The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government

under the head

Major Head	0070 -Other Administrative Services
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	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing positively. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.</u>

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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 7th December, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Harbhagat Singh Grewal S/o Sh. Jasbir Singh Grewal, H. No. 151, Block – J, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Head Master, Government Primary School, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1511 of 2021

Present : Sh. Harbhagat Singh Grewal, the appellant in person. Ms. Charanjit Kaur, Head Teacher, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 31.10.2020. First appeal is dated 05.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.07.2021 ;

- i) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant.
- iii) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Ms. Charanjit Kaur, Head Teacher, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO

in today's hearing, states that available information has been supplied to the appellant and a reply dated 07.07.2021 has also been sent to the Commission. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Harbhagat Singh Grewal, through a letter dated 21.09.2021,

which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is in Hospital and seeks an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

As the appellant through his letter dated 21.09.2021 has not intimated that whether he received the information or not, hence, an opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 6th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Jaspal Singh S/o Sh. Avtar Singh, H. No. 1205, Gali No. 08, Hussainpura(East).

Hussainpura(East), Amritsar (Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1422 of 2021

Present : Sh. Jaspal Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Rajeev Saggar, Superintendent (Vigilance Cell), for the respondent.

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

The RTI request is dated 12.11.2020. First appeal is dated 12.12.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.07.2021 ;

- i) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant or file a point-wise reply in the shape of an affidavit.
- ii) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Rajeev Saggar, Superintendent, who appeared from Vigilance Cell of office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, in today's hearing, states that a point-wise reply with enclosure been given to the appellant vide letter no. 3089 dated 19.08.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 3090 dated 19.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 21050 dated 15.09.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the reply/information given to him is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 23.09.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to identify the information.

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The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 23.09.2021 at 03:00 P. M. so that information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.

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 after inspection, 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.

The date and time of inspection of relevant official record has been announced to both the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

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

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Ashish Kapur S/o Late Sh. Arun Kumar Kapur, H. No. 695, First Floor Annexe, Phase – 2, S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) - 160055(Punjab

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1465 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ashish Kapur , the appellant in person.

Sh. Munish Garg, Senior Assistant(General Branch), for the respondent. ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 05.06.2020. First appeal is dated 10.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.07.2021 ;

- i) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant or file a point-wise reply in the shape of an affidavit.
- ii) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Munish Garg, Senior Assistant(General Branch), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a point-wise reply with enclosure been given to the appellant and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 38537 dated 16.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 21216 dated 174.09.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant,Sh. Ashish Kapur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the reply/information given to him is not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

On this, Sh. Munish Garg orally states that every Regional Deputy Director of Urban Local Bodies has their separate guidelines/notifications upon Cow Cess and each and every office of District has updated the guidelines/notifications on their official website.

As the reply of the respondent is not very clear, hence, the respondent-PIO concerned is directed to send a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request to him with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

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

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Amarjit Singh S/o Sh. Balvir Singh, V.P.O.- Karnana, Tehsil - Nawanshaher, Distt. –Shaheed Bhahat Singh Nagar(Punjab)

.....Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur(Punjab)

.....Respondent

Complaint Case No. 658 of 2021

Present : Sh. Amarjit Singh, the complainant in person. Sh. Kuldip Singh, A. S. I., on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 04.02.2021. The complaint has been received in the

Commission on 27.05.2021.

Sh. Kuldip Singh, A. S. I., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been sent to the complainant vide letter no. 311 dated 25.02.2021 through ordinary post and again on 08.09.2021. He also intimates the Commission that he (the complainant) has not filed first appeal to the First Appellate Authority, who is Deputy Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range, Patiala till date. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 82 dated 07.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 20529 dated 10.09.2021. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information with a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Amarjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, expresses his dissatisfaction over the same.

After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, I it is found that in response to the RTI request, the required information as demanded through RTI request has been supplied to the complainant.

Moreover, according to para 30 and 31 of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal no. 10787 to 10788 of 2011 in a case ; Chief Information Commissioner & another V/s State of Manipur and another before Ld. Judges - Sh. Asok Kumar Ganguly and Gyan Sudha Misra, the Commission could not allow information seeker(complainant) to have access of the information under Section 18 of the RTI Act, 2005 ;

Accordingly, the Commission could not allow access to the information to the Information seeker in a complaint case as the only remedy available to the information-seeker is given in Section 19 of the RTI Act and he (the complainant) has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act.

Complaint Case No. 658 of 2021

Hence, the instant complaint case is <u>remanded to First Appellate Authority</u>, who is Deputy Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range, Patiala, with the directions to decide the case as per provisions of the RTI Act, after giving due opportunity to the parties concerned, examining the evidences, documents placed on record/submitted by the parties concerned and subsequently pass a speaking order within forty five days from the receipt of this order. <u>A copy of the RTI request of the applicant be also enclosed for ready reference of First Appellate Authority</u>, who will treat it as first appeal. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

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If concerned First Appellate Authority will not announce any order in the instant complaint case within forty five days or after decision/announcement of First Appellate Authority, if the complainant would not be satisfied with the decision/announcement (which would be announced) by the First Appellate Authority, he is free to approach the Commission by way of second appeal.

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The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Patiala Range, Patiala (Punjab)

Encl : RTI Request



....Appellant

Baljeet Singh, 64 - H, B. R. S. Nagar, Ludhiana - 141012(Punjab)

V/s

- i) 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
- Public Information Officer, O/o The Superintendent, (Municipal Services Cell), O/o The Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- iii) Public Information Officer, O/o The Superintendent, (Establishment Branch) O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana(Punjab)

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. 872 of 2021

Present :

- Sh. Baljeet Singh, the appellant in person.
- i) Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell) O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab ;
- ii) Sh. Om Parkash, Inspector-cum-APIO(Establishment Branch) O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana for the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 02.11.2020. First appeal is dated 04.12.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.02.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 19.08.2021;

- i) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant.
- ii) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Om Parkash, Inspector-cum-APIO(Establishment Branch) appeared from office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana in today's hearing.

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Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell), who appeared from office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant through post as well as e-mail on 02.09.2021 and the same has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Baljeet Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information neither has been received through post nor by e-mail from the respondent PIO.

An opportunity is again given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the requisite information to the applicant through registered post at his residential address by the next date of hearing.

The appellant is advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO through registered post well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

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

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.