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Shri Ashok Kumar Joshi, S/o Shri Hari Krishan, R/o Mohalla Sarafa, Near Baba Pura Ji, Rahon, District SBS Nagar (Nawanshahar)

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Divisional Officer, Power State Power Corporation Ltd.(PSPCL), Rahon, District SBS Nagar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Sub Divisional Officer, Power State Power Corporation Ltd.(PSPCL), Rahon, District SBS Nagar.

....Respondents

AC No.510 of 2021

Present: (i) Shri Ashok Kumar Joshi, Appellant.

(ii) Shri Tarvinder Singh, SDO, PSPCL, Rahon, PIO/Respondent

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 13.08.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 18.10.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.01.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.05.2021 by the Commission before the Bench at Chandigarh, but the same was postponed to 22.06.2021 due to prevailing situation on account of COVID-19 for hearing through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant, Shri Ashok Kumar Joshi comes present to attend the hearing today through Cisco Webex.
- 3. Shri Tarvinder Singh, SDO, PSPCL, Rahon, District SBS Nagar comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 15.09.2020 by registered post and again vide letter dated 03.05.2021, by hand, and the same has been acknowledged by the appellant.

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4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has received information on

point no.1 of his RTI application, but he has not received the information on point No.2. Upon this, on

the asking of Bench, the PIO Shri Tarvinder Singh states that in Point No.2, the appellant has sought

information regarding the educational qualification of employees of PSPCL working in Sub Division,

Rahon and photocopies of the same. He further states that this information is personal information

and does not serve any public interest and has, thus, been denied.

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5. On the asking of the Bench as to what public interest is involved in the information

sought by him, he is not able to justify his demand for the information sought by him. As such, the

Bench observes that the appellant is demanding information unnecessarily impinging upon the H.R.

domain of the Government. Other details regarding the employees of the PSPCL, Rahon, their

designation and mobile numbers, however, stand provided.

6. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel any further intervention in the matter.

The appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Sd/-

Chandigarh 22.06.2021

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma, (Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Jasbir Singh Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bolapur Jhabewal PO Ramgarh, District Ludhiana

.....Appellant Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

Deputy Commissioner,

Fazilka.Respondents

AC No.535 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant –absent.

(ii) Shri Harmeet Singh, Steno O/o SDM Fazilka, on behalf of

PIO/Respondent

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 01.10.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.11.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.01.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.05.2021 by the Commission before the Bench at Chandigarh, but the same was postponed to 22.06.2021 due to prevailing situation on account of COVID-19 for hearing through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex.
- 3. The appellant, Shri Jasbir Singh has not come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
- 4. Shri Harmeet Singh, Steno O/o SDM Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 04.11.2020 and again vide letter dated 06.01.2021.



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- 5. A letter dated 02.06.2021 is available in the case file confirming the receipt of information. The appellant also informs the same through his telephonic call and gives his consent to the close the case.
- 6. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The appeal case** is disposed off and closed. Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 22.06.2021 Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma, (Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Terlochan Singh, # T2-R, Focal Point, Naya Nangal-140126 District Rupnagar

..... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Municipal Council, Nangal, Distt. Rupnagar

....Respondent

CC No.854 of 2020

Present: (i) Complainant- absent

(ii) Shri Manjinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Nangal,

District Rupnagar, PIO/Respondent ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex/on Mobile Phone)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing as the hearing dated 03.05.2021 was postponed.
- 2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Terlochan Singh, complainant has not come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 14.06.2021 stating that due to ill health as also not being aware of the on-line hearing procedure, he will not be able to attend the hearing. He has, however, requested to consider his earlier submissions made.
- 3. Shri Manjinder Singh, Executive Officer/PIO, Municipal Council, Nangal comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information has been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 01.10.2020 and again vide letter dated 16.04.2021. The complainant had received information, however, had expressed his dis-satisfaction over the information supplied. The complainant was again supplied information vide letter dated 30.04.2021 and also given liberty to inspect the official records.
- 4. The complainant is contacted on mobile phone. He is apprised of the version of the appellant. He states that he is not fully satisfied with the information provided and moreover, the information has been delayed considerably, not adhering to the time lines provided under the RTI Act.

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The Bench enquires from him if he could visit the office of PIO to inspect the records to evaluate if any other information is required by him. He, however, says emphatically that he will not do so and under the RTI Act, as a citizen, he should have been provided the information sought by speed post in the laid down timelines.

- 5. Post deliberations with the PIO and on perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that the information has been supplied to the complainant adequately. The Bench views delay in provision of information adversely. However, the delay on the part of PIO is condoned in view of the extraordinary situation and functional difficulties created due to the COVID pandemic.
- 6. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel any further intervention in the instant complaint case. **The complaint case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Manjinder Singh R/o #2469, Sunny Enclave Sector-125, Kharar, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1562 of 2020

- <u>Present:</u> (i) Shri Manjinder Singh, Appellant in person before the Bench.
 - (ii) Shri Hari Om, Junior Assistant, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Jalandhar, on behalf of the PIO

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing as the hearing dated 03.05.2021 was postponed.
- 2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant Shri Manjinder Singh comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
- 3. Shri Hari Om, Junior Assistant, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Jalandhar comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the PIO. He states that information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 27.04.2021 and again vide letter dated 11.06.2021 with a copy to the Commission.
- 4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant confirms the receipt of information to his satisfaction and also gives his consent to close the case.
- 5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The appeal case** is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh 22.06.2021 Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab