

Harsh Kumar ,
H. No. CEN 360,
Kapila Street,
Shibu Maal Chowk,
Khanna - 141401(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib(Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 748 of 2022

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 19.05.2021. First appeal is dated 14.07.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.02.2022.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Harsh Kumar nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 108685 dated 12.05.2022 signed by PIO-cum-Superintendent office of District Education Officer (Elem.), Sri Fatehgarh Sahib, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 10046 dated 12.05.2022, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information of twenty four pages has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 108684 dated 12.05.2022. It is taken on record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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 and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 19th September, 2022 (Monday) 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 : 22nd June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Mohinder Singh
S/o Sh. Partap Singh,
Village – Gurala,
Tehsil- Ajnala,
Distt. – Amritsar (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Ajnala, Distt. – Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 752 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Amandeep Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 21.09.2021 . First appeal is dated 21.10.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.02.2022.

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

Sh. Amandeep Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information at point no. 02, 03 and 04 of the RTI request has already been supplied to the appellant through registered post and information at point no 01, 05 and 06 relates with Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Gurala.

As the respondent PIO has not sent any document showing that the information has been supplied to the appellant, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the information supplied and the postal receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information at point no 01, 05 and 06 after collecting the same from the concerned Gram Panchayat, Gurala, by the next date of hearing .

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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 and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'

The case is adjourned to 19th September, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Mohinder Singh
S/o Sh. Partap Singh,
Village – Gurala,
Tehsil- Ajnala,
Distt. – Amritsar (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Ajnala, Distt. – Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 754 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Amandeep Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 19.10.2021 . First appeal is dated 15.12.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.02.2022.

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

Sh. Amandeep Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information demanded through RTI request relates with office of Revenue Department, hence, the same transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI act to the PIO office of Tehsildar, Ajnala vide letter no. 4044 dated 23.11.2021 and after receiving the information from that office, the required information was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 331 dated 07.03.2022 through registered post and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 413 dated 21.03.2022. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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 and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'

The case is adjourned to 19th September, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 22nd June, 2022

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sukhpal Singh
S/o Sh. Amar Singh,
Village – Palasaur,
Tehsil – Dhuri,
Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Sukhpal Singh
S/o Sh. Amar Singh,
Village – Palasaur,
Tehsil – Dhuri,
Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 755 of 2022

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 18.08.2021 . First appeal is dated 17.10.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.02.2022.

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

Neither the appellant, Sh. Sukhpal Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability.

The respondent PIO has not sent any forwarding letter (if the information has been sent to the appellant), hence, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the supplied information (was/would be supplied to the appellant) to the Commission by the next date of hearing

Moreover, the appellant has also not sent any intimation whether he received the information or not.

Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 19th September, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 22nd June, 2022

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Bhinder Singh
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
Village – Roopa,
P. O. – Samrala,
Teh. & Distt. - Ludhiana - 141412(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Samrala, Distt. – Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana((Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 756 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sukhpal Singh, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 19.05.2021. First appeal is dated 02.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.02.2022.

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

Sh. Sukhpal Singh, Panchayat Secretary, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that as per official-record, the requisite information of ten pages was supplied to the appellant on 28.12.2021 by Sh. Shamsher Singh (the then Panchayat Secretary). He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 3175 dated 21.03.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 6649 dated 31.03.2022. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

The case is adjourned to 14th September, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 22nd June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Vinod Gupta,
H. No. 364,
Chandigarh Road,
Samrala Chowk,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 758 of 2022

Present : Sh. Rubal Gupta, 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 18.03.2021 . First appeal is dated 29.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.02.2022.

Sh. Rubal Gupta, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Vinod Gupta in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to the appellant by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent through a reply vide letter no. 2861 dated 18.04.2022 signed by District Development and Panchayat Officer, Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8700 dated 27.04.2022, has intimated the Commission that a reply in an affidavit has already been given to the appellant in another case i. e. 2573 of 2021, It, alongwith a copy of affidavit, is placed in the case-file.

Nevertheless, both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to represent this case in person or through their representative alongwith the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 10th August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 22nd June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Surinder Pal Singh Bhandal
S/o Sh. Baldev Singh,
Village – Bhandal Butta,
Block Noormahal,
Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,

Encl:RTI request

Noormahal, Distt. - Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 74 of 2022

Present : Sh. Surinder Pal Singh Bhandal, the complainant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 16.06.2021 . The complaint has been received in the

Commission on 04.02.2022.

The complainant, Sh. Surinder Pal Singh Bhandal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till.

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, he (the respondent PIO) has not sent any document showing that the information has been supplied to the complainant. It reflects that after a lapse of more than ten months, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker. 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 Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Noormahal, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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.

Last 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 him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy 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 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 .

The case is adjourned to 12th September, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 22nd June, 2022

Encl:RTI request

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Gurmej Lal,
H. No. 6375, Street – 16,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,
P. O. – Daba, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2595 of 2021

Present : Sh. Gurmej Lal, the appellant in person.
Ms. Ravneet Kaur, Building Inspector(Town Planning Wing), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 11.03.2021. First appeal is dated 11.04.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.06.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal, , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Ms. Ravneet Kaur, Building Inspector(Town Planning Wing),, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that On an earlier hearing, held on 28.02.2022, Ms. Kashish Garg, Building Inspector, Zone – C of office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, stated that in compliance to the order dated 29.11.2021, a point-wise reply was been sent to the appellant through registered post on 25.02.2022. As the appellant was not present , hence, an opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO on 25.02.2022 and also 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.

Nevertheless, both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to remain present alongwith the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent through registered post alongwith RTI request to Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, with the advice to ensure presence of any of official of Planning/Building Branch, of Zone - C as a representative to represent this case on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case.

The case is adjourned to 10th August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 22nd June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Planning/Building Branch,
Zone - C, Ludhiana (Punjab)



Kuldeep Singh Khaira,
125, Ishar Nagar,
Ludhiana - 141006 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2609 of 2021

Present : Sh. Kuldeep Singh Khaira , the appellant in person.
Sh. Rajeev Sagar, Superintendent-cum-APIO,(Vigilance Cell), for respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 16.03.2020. First appeal is dated 16.10.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.06.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 28.02.2022 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Sh. Navdeep Sharma, Chief Sanitary Inspector((Vigilance Cell), stated that the information sought for by the appellant through RTI request is regarding action taken on complaints dated 20.05.2018 and 22.05.2019, which are under investigation, hence could not be supplied.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to file a reply, in writing, mentioning the date when the enquiry (on the above-mentioned complaints) was started and also the status of the investigation till 16.03.2020 and send the same to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Rajeev Sagar, Superintendent-cum-APIO(Vigilance Cell), who appeared in today's hearing, states that in compliance to the order dated 28.02.2022, a reply, mentioning the status of the investigation till 16.03.2020 , has been sent to the Commission through an e-mail vide letter no. 2418 dated 21.06.2022 and also to the appellant vide letter no. 2418 dated 21.06.2022. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Kuldeep Singh Khaira, who appeared in person in today's hearing, expresses his dis-satisfaction over the same.

Nevertheless, both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to remain present alongwith the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 31st August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 22nd June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Arjan Dev
S/o Sh. Malawa Ram,
Village – Dhadda,
P. O. – Hazaara,
Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.),
Jalandhar(Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,
Division – 01, Jalandhar (Punjab)

(Regd.Post) iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairman/Sarpanch,
Gram Panchayat,
Water Supply Committee,
Village – Dhadda,
Block Jalandhar (East) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Encl : RTI request

Complaint Case No. 631 of 2021

Present : Sh. Arjan Dev , the complainant in person.
Sh. Kishore Kumar, Junior Engineer office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation, Division – 01, Jalandhar, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 07.12.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 25.05.2021.

Sh. Kishore Kumar, Junior Engineer office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation, Division – 01, Jalandhar , who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that part information has already been supplied to the complainant directly by S. D. E., Water Supply and Sanitation, Division 02 of Jalandhar and part information demanded by the complainant through RTI request, relates with office of Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee, Village – Dhadda and a letter was forwarded to that office vide letter no. 479 dated 13.09.2021

Nevertheless, the complainant and the respondent PIO/PIOs concerned are directed to remain present alongwith the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the Public Information Officer office of Chairman/Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee, Village – Dhadda, Block Jalandhar (East), to file a reply, in writing, to the query/queries (whichever relates to his office) raised by the complainant through his RTI request (copy attached). He/she (respondent-PIO concerned) is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post.

As the RTI request is addressed to Public Information Officer of office of Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.), Jalandhar, hence, a copy of this order be sent to Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.), Jalandhar with the advice to ensure presence of any of official of his office as a representative to represent this case on the next date fixed for hearing so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is adjourned to 31st August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 22nd June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : RTI request

(Regd. Post)

The Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.),
Jalandhar

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
Ward No.18, Street No.2,
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,
Khanna, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sanitation Division,
Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2651 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
Sh. Fazarneer Singh, Assistant Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 26.11.2020. First appeal is dated 15.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.06.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 28.02.2022 ;

- i) The appellant stated that he has sent a letter dated 27.09.2021 (through which deficiencies were pointed out) to the respondent PIO on 12.12.2021.
- ii) Sh. Harvir Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer, Fatehgarh Sahib, stated that the letter dated 27.09.2021 or 12.12.2021 (as stated by the appellant), through which deficiencies were pointed out, were not received in the office.
- iii) Hence, a copy of the letter dated 27.09.2021 (through which deficiencies were pointed out) was handed over to Sh. Harvir Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer, during the hearing in the Commission.
- iv) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, to the appellant through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not.

Sh. Fazarneer Singh, Assistant Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant .

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

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies which were pointed out by the appellant on 27.09.2021, to the appellant through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission, failing which, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post alongwith a copy of letter, through which deficiencies were pointed out by the appellant

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

The case is adjourned to 10th November, 2022 (Thursdya) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 22nd June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : letter dated 26.09.2021 sent on 27.09.2021

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Prem Kumar Rattan,
H. No. 78/8,
Park Road, Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 173 of 2021

Present : Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, the appellant in person.
Sh. Vijju Bansal, Tehsildar, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 10.10.2020. First appeal is dated 11.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.12.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Vijju Bansal, Tehsildar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information to be supplied is ready and the appellant can visit the office to collect the information.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 30.06.2022 at 12:00 noon to collect the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 30.06.2022 and supply the required information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

The date and time of visit of the appellant in the office of the respondent has been announced to the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

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

The case is adjourned to 19th September, 2022 (Monday) 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 : 22nd June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Arvinder Pal Singh
S/o Late Sh. Pritam Singh,
H. No. 16976, Street No. 1-A,
Aggarwal Colony, Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Division No. 01 & 02,
Bathinda (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 474 of 2021

Present : Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Ashwini Kumar, S. D. O., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 27.07.2020. First appeal is dated 05.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.01.2021.
Sh. Ashwini Kumar, S. D. O., 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 no. 3795 dated 20.08.2021 and again vide letter no. 4446 dated 06.10.2021 through registered post and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1419 dated 15.06.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 12853 dated 15.06.2022. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, expresses his dis-satisfaction over the information supplied.

Nevertheless, both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to remain present alongwith the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the above-announced order by depositing the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- (penalty already imposed Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 01.12.2021) + enhanced (announced today i. e. 28.02.2022) Rs. 5000/- = Rs. 10,000/-) in the Treasury of Punjab Government and a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 31st August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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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, Pb.,
Division No. 01, Bathinda (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1649 of 2021

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, 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 06.01.2021. First appeal is dated 08.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.03.2021.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1162 dated 25.02.2022, signed by Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Pb., Division No. 01, Bathinda, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 4120 dated 28.02.2022, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 1161 dated 25.02.2022. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

When asked the appellant whether he pointed out deficiencies to the respondent PIO or not, he intimated that he has not pointed out deficiencies to the respondent PIO

An opportunity is also given to the appellant 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 and also send a copy of the same to the Commission or the case would be decided on merits.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would be pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 1st December, 2022 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

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State Information Commissioner
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Pritam Singh
S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
Raipur Majra,
Police Station – Kathgarh,
Tehsil – Balachaur,
Distt. - Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Balachaur,
Distt. - Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4265 of 2021

Present : Sh. Pritam Singh , the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Darshan Singh, B.D.P.O., Balachaur ;
ii) Sh. Kuldip Singh, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 12.04.2021. First appeal is dated 19.05.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.09.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 04.05.2022 ;

- i) The appellant, Sh. Pritam Singh was not present in the hearing.
- ii) Sh. Darshan Singh, B.D.P.O., Balachaur, who appeared in person with Sh. Kuldip Singh, Panchayat Secretary, stated that the requisite information was sent to the appellant on 23.04.2022 through registered post, which was received back as 'undelivered' in the office.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the information (which has been supplied to the appellant) to the Commission alongwith a copy of postal receipt.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information 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.
- v) Sh. Kuldip Singh, Panchayat Secretary, also made an written-submission and oral-submission intimating that the then Panchayat Secretary was expired and he has joined this office recently and took over the charge of office-record after 31.01.2022 (after the hearing held on 31.01.2022 through which penalty was imposed), hence, requested to waive off the penalty.
- vi) After considering the oral submission and written submission (made by Sh. Kuldip Singh, Panchayat Secretary during the proceeding of the instant appeal-case), as genuine , the penalty imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 31.01.2022 was waived off.

Sh. Darshan Singh, B.D.P.O., Balachaur, who appeared in person with Sh. Kuldip Singh, Panchayat Secretary, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant on 22.04.2022 through registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Pritam Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing in office premises, states that he has not received the above-said information till date.

As the respondent PIO has neither sent any forwarding letter (through which the information has been sent to the appellant) nor sent copy of information supplied to the Commission, hence, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

The case is adjourned to 31st August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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