PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120 Email: <u>psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in</u> Visit us - <u>www.infocommpunjab.com</u> <u>Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab</u> Mandeep Singh S/o Sh. Rattan Singh,



Mandeep Singh S/o Sh. Rattan Singh, Village Devi Nagar, Teh. & Distt. – DeraBassi, Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

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

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

...Respondents Appeal Case No. 4015 of 2020

V/s

Present :

Sh. Mandeep Singh, the appellant in person. Ms. Sunita Rani, Superintendent-cum-PIO(Establishment Branch), in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 22.09.2020. First appeal is dated 24.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.03.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him.

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

Ms. Sunita Rani, Superintendent-cum-PIO(Establishment Branch), who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that the information sought by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Derabassi and the reply/report sent by him (Executive Officer) is not clear, hence could not be given to the appellant.

Nevertheless, 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 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. 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 by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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(Sanjiv Garg) Date : 23rd June, 2021 State Information Commissioner Punjab Note : Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'

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Plot No. 03,		•	Respondents		
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-		Complaint Case No. 32 of 20	21		
Present :	None on behalf of the complainant.				
	i)	Ms. Sunita Rani, Superintendent-cum-PIO(Esta	ablishment Branch) of office		
		of Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chand	igarh ;		
	ii)	nent Branch) of office of			
	,	Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandiga	•		
		Director, Local Government, Funjab, Onanuiga	and the respondents		

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 04.11.2020. The complaint has been received in the

Commission on 24.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.03.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post or in person or file a reply in the form of an affidavit mentioning the reasons for non-supply of information and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him. A <u>show cause notice</u> <u>under Section 20(1) of RTI Act was issued to PIO concerned under provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.</u>

The complainant, Sh. Arshdeep Singh Sra, is not present in today's hearing.

Ms. Sunita Rani, Superintendent-cum-PIO (Establishment Branch) of office of

Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, who appeared in person with Sh. Aman Kumar, Senior Assistant, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant vide letter no. 24255 dated 21.06.2021 through registered post. She also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 24256 dated 21.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

As the information is sent by respondent PIO to the complainant vide letter dated 21.06.2021 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within two or three days.

An opportunity is given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 21.06.2021 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 for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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...Respondents

Jagjit Singh Aman Nagar, Street – 03, Back Side Green Land School, Near Jalandhar Bye Pass, Ludhiana(Punjab)

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

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

V/s

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 4055 of 2020 Sh. Jagjit Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Rajeev Saggar, Superintendent O/o C. V. O.(Vigilance Cell), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Present :

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

The RTI request is dated 14.02.2020. First appeal is dated 25.05.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.03.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to provide present status of related investigation demanded by the appellant and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him.

Sh. Rajeev Saggar, Superintendent office of Chief Vigilance Officer(Vigilance Cell), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the required information from the respondent last evening i. e. on 22.06.2021 and seeks an adjournment in this case to go through the supplied information so that deficiencies, if any, could be pointed out.

An opportunity is 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 or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for

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

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Date : 23rd June, 2021

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Malkiat Singh Mann, Advocate S/o Sh. Gurbaksh Singh Mann, Preet Vihar, Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

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

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

Appeal Case No. 4058 of 2020

V/s

...Respondents

....Appellant

Present :

None appellant in person. Sh. Suresh Kumar, Junior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 07.07.2020. First appeal is dated 02.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.03.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post or in person or file a reply in the form of an affidavit mentioning the reasons for non-supply of information and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him. A <u>show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.</u>

The appellant, Sh. Malkiat Singh Mann, Advocate, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Suresh Kumar, Junior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in

today's hearing, states that the information sought by the appellant is not available in the form as demanded through RTI request and can be supplied only after creating the same. He requests that if the appellant would be specific for what he demands, information would be provided to him positively and in regard to this, a letter has also been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 50 dated 09.07.2020, which is placed in the case-file.

The respondent PIO is directed to facilitate the applicant to inspect the relevant official record on any day during working hours so that the appellant could identify the information and take certified copies of the same.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record during working hours to identify the required information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to office to identify the required information and also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection and 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 <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Ajit Singh Talwandi S/o Sh. Jagat Singh, Village Nikku Chakk, P. O. – Hajipur, Tehsil – Mukerian, Distt. – Hoshiarpur- 144221(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb., Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 62,S .A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Education, 5th Floor, E- Block, Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex, Phase – 8, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4069 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 5.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.03.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post or in person or file a reply in the form of an affidavit mentioning the reasons for non-supply of information and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him

The appellant, Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far despite the fact that he has demanded the information from office of Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Education, Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb., S. A. S. Nagar and District Education Officer(Elem.), Hoshiarpur.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO office of D. E. O.(Elem.), Hoshiarpur, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 191227 dated 17.06.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 191227-28 dated 17.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13302 dated 21.06.2021. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi states that he has not received such reply as mentioned above by the respondent.



Appeal Case No. 4069 of 2020

An opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send the abovementioned reply, to the appellant through registered post at his residential address with a copy to the Commission.

After hearing both the parties during the proceeding of the hearing, it emerges that a similar RTI request has been filed by the appellant to the office of i) Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Education, Chandigarh ; ii) Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb., S. A. S. Nagar and District Education Officer(Elem.), Hoshiarpur ;carrying the same contents.

As contents of the RTI request filed in another cases i. e. A. C. No. 4037 of 2020 and A. C. No. 4038 of 2020 (which has been fixed for 06.09.20201) and the present RTI application, are the same. Hence, the above-said appeal case i. e. 'A. C. No. 4069 of 2020' is hereby clubbed with both the other appeal cases i. e. 'A. C. No. 4037 of 2020' and A. C. No. 4038 of 2020 so that a common order could be passed in future hearings of the cases.

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

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		Appeal Case No. 4103 of 2020			
Present :	Sh. Karamjeet Singh, the appellant in person.				
	i)	Ms. Sunita Rani, Superintendent-cum-PIO(Establishment Bra Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh ;	anch) of office of		
	ii)	Sh. Balkrishan, Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Lehragaga	a, in person.		
ORDER	,				
	Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.				
	Th	e RTI request is dated 29.05.2020. First appeal is dated 21.07.2020.	Second appeal has		
been received	in th	e Commission on 16.12.2020.			
	O	n the last date of hearing, held on 30.03.2021, the appellant was adv	vised to visit the office		
of the respond	ent	on 15.04.2021 to collect the remaining information, the responde	ent PIO was directed to		

of the respondent on 15.04.2021 to collect the remaining information, the respondent PIO was directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant through registered post or file a reply in the form of an affidavit mentioning the reasons for non-supply of information.

Ms. Sunita Rani, Superintendent-cum-PIO (Establishment Branch) of office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, appeared on behalf of First Appellate Authority in today's hearing.

Sh. Balkrishan, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the appellant has visited the office with three of his assistants and all of them were attended and given opportunity to inspect the official record and whatever information was identified, has been provided to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Karamjeet Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing,

states that he has visited the office of the respondent on 15.04.2021 as directed vide orders dated 30.03.2021 and whatever information has been given to him is irrelevant.

Nevertheless, 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. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record or relates with some other office, then he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send/file a proper point-wise reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant 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/reply or not.

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 23rd June, 2021

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Ms. Rajwant Kaur W/o Sh. Surinder Singh, H. No. 81, Phase – 1, Urban Estate, Dugri, Ludhiana - 141013(Punjab)

....Appellant

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 01 of 2021

V/s

Present : Ms. Rajwant Kaur, the appellant in person. Sh. Rajpal Jan, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 28.08.2020. First appeal is dated 28.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.03.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information (regarding dates of promotions of Ms. Krishna Devi except her service book) to the appellant through registered post or in person and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him.

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

Sh. Rajpal Jan, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, a reply has already been given to the appellant vide letter dated 17.06.2021, intimating him that service book of Ms. Krishna Devi (regarding whom information has been demanded through RTI request) has gone to office of Accountant General (A. D. A.) with her pension-case and whenever it would come back the required information would be given to the appellant and seeks an adjournment in this case. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 91651 dated 17.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned that whenever service book (which has gone to office of Accountant General (A. D. A.) with pensioncase) of Ms. Krishna Devi (regarding which information has been demanded through RTI request) would come back, the required information regarding dates of promotions of Ms. Krishna Devi except her service book be given to the appellant positively.

The appellant is advised to confirm whether she received the information or not.

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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....Appellant

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Tirlochan Singh, 848-A, MIG Flats, Jamalpur Colony, Ludhiana - 141010 (Punjab)

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 V/s

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 09 of 2021

Present :

None on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell) O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 24.06.2021. First appeal is dated 21.07.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.03.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him.

Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant(Municipal Services Cell) of office of

Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 22.06.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 24276 dated 22.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Tirlochan Singh, is absent from today's hearing without any intimation 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. 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</u> <u>Webex Meetings'</u> or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, 8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur, Distt. – Ludhiana -141101 (Punjab)

....Appellant

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

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

Encl : RTI request

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

...Respondents Appeal Case No. 256 of 2021

V/s

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person. Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 15.07.2020. First appeal is dated 09.08.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.03.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant through registered post or in person or file a reply in the form of an affidavit mentioning the reasons for non-supply of information and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him. A <u>show cause</u> notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned <u>under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.</u>

Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information at point no. 01, 02, 03, 04 and 08 of the RT *request*, which relates with office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, has been supplied to the appellant as per official record and rest of the information at point no. 05, 06 and 07 of the RT *request r*elates with office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakhan and the RTI request of the appellant has already been forwarded to office of Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakhan vide letter no. 2373 dated 01.09.2020 under intimation to the Commission. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2150 dated 21.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information and other (above-said) annexure, is taken on record.

Appeal Case No. 256 of 2021

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the above-said information and also pointed out deficiencies vide letter dated 22.06.2021. He also intimates that he would have been visiting the office of the respondent on 28.06.2021 in another case and requests to fix the time to collect the required information regarding which he has pointed out deficiencies vide letter dated 22.06.2021.

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Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 28.06.2021 at 11:00 A. M. noon to collect the information.

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned of office of Director, Local Government, Punjab to supply the information, by removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 22.06.2021, with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be sent to him by the respondent PIO office of Director, Local Government, Punjab.

As part information at point no. 05, 06 and 07 of the RT*I request*, relates with office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakhan, hence, Public Information Officer of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakhan be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per gueries raised at point no. 05, 06 and 07 of the RT *request*, to him with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 23rd June, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Encl : RTI request

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V/s

....Appellant

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 255 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person. Ms. Sunita Rani, Superintendent-cum-PIO(Establishment Branch), in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 23.07.2020. First appeal is dated 09.08.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 30.03.2021, the respondent PIO was

directed to supply the requisite information or a point-wise reply to the appellant through registered post or in person or file a reply in the form of an affidavit mentioning the reasons for non-supply of information and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him.

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

Ms. Sunita Rani, Superintendent-cum-PIO(Establishment Branch), who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that orally states that the information sought by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of Nagar Councils, Municipal Corporations and Improvement Trusts of various Districts and seeks an adjournment in this case so that the required information could be supplied to the appellant.

Nevertheless, 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 with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) 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.

The case is adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for

<u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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