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> Anil Sharma(Convener), Soil Conservation Sr. Officer's Forum, Head Quarters, Soil Conservation Complex, Phase – 6, S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

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....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Joint Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Deptt. of Agriculture, O/o Addl. Chief Secretary(Development) to Govt. of Punjab, Pb. Mini Secretariat, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Deptt. of Agriculture – 3 Branch, Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2747 of 2020

V/s

Present : Sh. Anil Sharma, the appellant in person. Sh. Parvinder Korpal, Superintendent(Agriculture – 3 Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 08.07.2020. First appeal is dated 31.07.2020.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.09.2020.

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

Sh. Parvinder Korpal, Superintendent(Agriculture – 3 Branch), who

appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a point-wise reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17.11.2020. He also states that a point-wise reply has already been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 160 dated 17.11.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16762 dated 20.11.2020, intimating that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request could not be supplied to him as it is 'third party' information, moreover, a case is pending in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in a C. W. P. No. 12348 of 2020 and its next date of hearing is 17.12.2020. It is taken on record.

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After examining the RTI request placed in the case-file, it emerges that the information demanded through RTI request is not 'third party' information. Hence, the respondent-PIO is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information as per queries raised through RTI request, to the appellant through registered post within a week from today and send a copy of the same to the Commission.

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The appellant is advised to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be sent by the concerned 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 <u>adjourned to 4th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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.... Complainant

Prem Singh (Ex-Member Panchayat), S/o Sh. Sohan Singh, Village – Vairowal(Bawia), Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, Distt. – Taran Taran(Punjab)

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

...Respondents Complaint Case No. 580 of 2020

V/s

Present : None on behalf of the complainant. Sh. Yadvindra Singh, Gram Rozgar Assistant O/o B.D.P.O., Khadoor Sahib for the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 16.03.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 27.08.2020.

Sh. Yadvindra Singh, Gram Rozgar Assistant O/o B.D.P.O., Khadoor Sahib, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant.

The complainant, Sh. Prem Singh, through a letter, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16402 dated 17.11.2020, has intimated the Commission that the information supplied to him is incomplete, moreover, whatever information given to him is unattested. It is taken on record.

An opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO to facilitate the complainant to inspect the relevant official record on 23.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that the complainant could identify the information. The appellant is also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO (office of B. D. P. O., Khadoor Sahib) to inspect the relevant official record on 23.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M to identify the information so that certified copies of the same could be collected.

Sh. Yadvindra Singh, Gram Rozgar Assistant, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

An opportunity is also given to the respondent-PIO to certify the information (already given to the complainant) by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information and 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 <u>adjourned to 4th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab Jasbir Singh, Village – Bholapur Jhabewal, P. O. – Ramgarh, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)Appellant V/s Public Information Officer. (Regd. Post) O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb., Sector 17, Chandigarh First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb., Sector 17, Chandigarh ...Respondents Appeal Case No. 2156 of 2019 Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person. Present : i) Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh : Sh. Sham Lal, Asstt. Transport Officer of office of Secretary, ii) Regional Transport Authority, Patiala, for the respondent. ORDER Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 07.10.2019. First appeal is dated 09.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2019. On the last date of hearing, held on 08.09.2020, directions were given to PIO office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh to supply the certified copies of the remaining information, after collecting the same from the concerned office i. e. office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala, to the appellant through registered post and a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh under the provisions of

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the RTI Act, 2005.

In today's hearing, the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, states that incomplete information has been given to him till date.

In today's hearing, Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO appeared from office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh and Sh. Sham Lal, Asstt. Transport Officer came present from office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala.

As the information demanded through RTI request is regarding action taken report /final report on a complaint filed in office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh with complete case-file but complete information has not been supplied to the appellant even after a period of more than one year, which reflects that respondent is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the informationseeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

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Appeal Case No. 2156 of 2019 -2-

For holding guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act and for making delay more than 250 days in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.</u>

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

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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 and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information, in response to RTI request, 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 complete information or not.

A copy of this order be sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to ensure compliance of the above-announced order.

The case is adjourned to 4th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 23rd November, 2020

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(Regd. Post) The State Transport Commissioner, Pb., Sector 17, Chandigarh



Jasbir Singh S/o Sh. Prithipal Singh C/o Sh. Pankaj Verma, Advocate, Chamber No. 506,Yadvindra Complex, Patiala (Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Pb., Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Pb., Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 258 of 2020

V/s

Present :

- Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate on behalf of the the appellant.
- i) Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director-cum-PIO(I T Wing), in person;
- ii) Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Section Officer-cum-APIO O/o Pb. Technical Board, Punjab, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 15.05.2019. First appeal is dated 07.12.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.01.2020

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.09.2020, the respondent-PIO was directed either to supply the certified copies of the remaining information at point no. 04, 05 and 06 of the RTI request to the appellant through registered post and send a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent) or file a self-explanatory written reply to each and every query (whichever relates to Pb. Technical Board) raised by the appellant, to the Commission.

Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director-cum-PIO(I T Wing), who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that whatever information relates to his office has already been supplied to the appellant.

Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Section Officer-cum-APIO of office of Pb. Technical Board, who appeared in today's hearing, states that fifteen pages of information has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 2237 dated 11.11.2020 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2258 dated 17.11.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16743 dated 20.11.2020. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Appeal Case No. 258 of 2020

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Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-said information of fifteen pages, moreover, whatever information has already been given to him is irrelevant as reply given in connection with point no. 04 of the RTI request is not proper.

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it emerges that at point no. 04 of the RTI request, the appellant has demanded copy of documents showing action taken against the Officers/Officials who are found guilty of fake admissions but the respondent PIO concerned has intimated the appellant that no record regarding enquiry is available in the official record, which is not proper.

The respondent-PIO is directed either to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant or file a proper reply mentioning whether any action was taken against the Officers/Officials, who are found guilty of fake admissions to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

As the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 08.09.2020, the Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, hence, <u>a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Pb., Chandigarh, 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.</u>

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

The case is adjourned to 4th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Pb., Sector 36-A, Chandigarh
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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab Sarabjeet Singh Gill, House no. 60-35-P-376-1, Street No. 8, Maha Singh Nagar, P.O. - Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana-141014 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) (Regd. Post) D/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – B, Ludhiana(Punjab)

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First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 107 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

ORDER Sh. Harjit Singh, Building Inspector of Zone-B, for the respondent.

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 30.09.2019. First appeal is dated 04.11.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.09.2020, Sh. Harjit Singh, Building Inspector, stated that the required information is ready and the appellant can collect the same from the office. The respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through e-mail within three days from that day and send a copy of the same to the Commission.

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

Sh. Harjit Singh, Building Inspector of Zone-B, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information is ready and the appellant can collect the same from the office.

On the hearing, held on 08.09.2020, Sh. Harjit Singh appeared and stated that the same thing and despite the directions were given by the Commission to send the requisite information to the appellant through e-mail within three days from that day, today, he is again saying the same thing today, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

Appeal Case No. 107 of 2020

In view of the above, <u>a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to</u> <u>Sh. Harjit Singh, Building Inspector of Zone-B of office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, as to why penalty</u> <u>be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the</u> <u>provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.</u>

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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 <u>through facility</u> <u>of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the requisite information to the appellant within three days from today and send a copy of the same to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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 11th January, 2021 (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 : 23rd November, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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Sarabjeet Singh Gill, House no. 60-35-P-376-1, Street No. 8, Maha Singh Nagar, P.O. - Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana-141014 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – B, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 108 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

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

The RTI request is dated 07.10.2019. First appeal is dated 09.11.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.09.2020, Sh. Harjit Singh, Building Inspector, stated that the required information is ready and the appellant can collect the same from the office. The respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through e-mail within three days from that day and send a copy of the same to the Commission.

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

Sh. Harjit Singh, Building Inspector of Zone-B, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information is ready and the appellant can collect the same from the office.

On the hearing, held on 08.09.2020, Sh. Harjit Singh appeared and stated that the same thing and despite the directions were given by the Commission to send the requisite information to the appellant through e-mail within three days from that day, today, he is again saying the same thing today, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

Appeal Case No. 108 of 2020

In view of the above, <u>a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to</u> <u>Sh. Harjit Singh, Building Inspector of Zone-B of office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, as to why penalty</u> <u>be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the</u> <u>provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.</u>

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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 <u>through facility</u> <u>of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the requisite information to the appellant within three days from today and send a copy of the same to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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 <u>adjourned to 11th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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...Appellant

V/s Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – D, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 395 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

ORDERSh. Jagdeep Singh, Draftsman of Zone-D, on behalf of the respondent.
Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 29.10.2019. First appeal is dated 02.12.2019.
Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.09.2020, the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 38 dated 04.09.2020 PIO-cum-Assistant Town Planner, Zone – D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, had intimated the Commission that a pointwise reply vide letter no. 37 dated 04.09.2020 was sent to the appellant through registered post. The respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through e-mail.

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

Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Draftsman of Zone-D, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing that a point-wise reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 37 dated 04.09.2020 and the appellant through a letter dated 27.10.2020, pointed out that information supplied to him is incomplete and incorrect but did not mention that what information is remaining to be supplied. He also states that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 258 dated 18.11.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary 16852 dated 23.11.2020. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Appeal Case No. 395 of 2020

An opportunity is given to the appellant (Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill himself in person only) to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 23.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M to identify the required information.

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The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant (only) to inspect the relevant official record on 23.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that he could identify the required information.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to the appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill by the next date of hearing.

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. If the appellant would not visit the office of the respondent, or it would be assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

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

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Sarabjeet Singh Gill, House no. 60-35-P-376-1, Street No. 8, Maha Singh Nagar, P.O. - Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana-141014 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – B, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 396 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Harjit Singh, Building Inspector of Zone-B, for the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 29.10.2019. First appeal is dated 02.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.09.2020, Sh. Harjit Singh, Building Inspector, stated that the required information is ready and the appellant can collect the same from the office. The respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through e-mail within three days from that day and send a copy of the same to the Commission.

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

Sh. Harjit Singh, Building Inspector of Zone- B, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information is ready and the appellant can collect the same from the office.

On the hearing, held on 08.09.2020, Sh. Harjit Singh appeared and stated that the same thing and despite the directions were given by the Commission to send the requisite information to the appellant through e-mail within three days from that day, today, he is again saying the same thing today, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

Appeal Case No. 396 of 2020 -2-

In view of the above, <u>a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to</u> <u>Sh. Harjit Singh, Building Inspector of Zone- B of office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, as to why</u> <u>penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant</u> <u>under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.</u>

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 <u>through facility</u> <u>of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the requisite information to the appellant within three days from today and send a copy of the same to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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 <u>adjourned to 11th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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...Appellant

V/s Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,

Zone – C. Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 397 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill, the appellant in person. Ms. Shawinder Pal Kaur, Building Inspector of Zone – C, for the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 31.10.2019. First appeal is dated 02.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.09.2020, the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 33 dated 07.07.2020, had intimated the Commission that a point-wise reply was sent to the appellant through registered post. The respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through e-mail.

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

Ms. Shawinder Pal Kaur, Building Inspector of Zone – C, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing that a point-wise reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 08.09.2020 through an e-mail.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which was supplied to him by the respondent PIO or it would be assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits

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

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Sarabjeet Singh Gill, House no. 60-35-P-376-1, Street No. 8, Maha Singh Nagar, P.O. - Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana-141014 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – D, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 398 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

ORDERSh. Jagdeep Singh, Draftsman of Zone-D, on behalf of the respondent.
Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 29.10.2019. First appeal is dated 02.12.2019.
Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.09.2020, the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 39 dated 04.09.2020, had intimated the Commission that a point-wise reply was sent to the appellant through registered post. The respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through e-mail.

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

Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Draftsman of Zone-D, who appeared on behalf of the

respondent PIO in today's hearing that a point-wise reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 39 dated 04.09.2020 and the appellant through a letter dated 27.10.2020, pointed out that information supplied to him is incomplete and incorrect but did not mention that what information is remaining to be supplied. He also states that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 260 dated 18.11.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary 16850 dated 23.11.2020. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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An opportunity is given to the appellant (Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill himself in person only) to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 23.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M to identify the required information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant (only) to inspect the relevant official record on 23.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that he could identify the required information.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to the appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill by the next date of hearing.

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. If the appellant would not visit the office of the respondent, or it would be assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 11th January, 2021 (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 : 23rd November, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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