



Harjit Singh Dhillon S/o Late Sh. Gurbaksh Singh,  
H. No. 4072, Street No. 03,  
Gobind Colony, Jamalpur,  
Ludhiana - 141015(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) 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

Encl : RTI request

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1238 of 2021

Present : Sh. Harjit Singh Dhillon, 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 16.12.2019. First appeal is dated 09.12.2020. Second appeal has  
been received in the Commission on 05.03.2021.

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

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. The Commission took a serious view of this  
casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the  
respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of more than one year.

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 Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of  
Local Government, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in  
supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-  
seeker 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 with copy of RTI request be sent to him through  
registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required  
information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission by 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 by the respondent concerned. He is also  
advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 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 :24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

Encl : RTI request

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Note : Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'



Bhajan Dass S/o Sh. Goma Ram,  
V.P.O. – Bhagwanpura,  
Malout - 152107(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post )

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,  
Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,  
Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1255 of 2021

Present : Sh. Vikul Suri, Advocate, 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 23.10.2020. First appeal is dated 22.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.03.2021.

Sh. Vikul Suri, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant Sh. Bhajan Dass in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO so far.

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. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

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 Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Malout, Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker 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 with copy of RTI request be sent to him through registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission by 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 by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 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 :24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Encl : RTI request

Note : Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'



Ram Sharan S/o Sh. Pratap Chand,  
224, Indra Colony, Street – 10,  
Kot Khalsa, Amritsar (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Circle,  
Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Complaint Case No. 182 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.  
Sh. Vishal Maggu, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 04.11.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on  
17.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.03.2021,

- i) Last opportunity is also given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information, to the complainant with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Superintending Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Circle, Amritsar.

The complainant, Sh. Ram Sharan is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Vishal Maggu, Senior Assistant, 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 no. 975 dated 14.04.2019. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 220 dated 19.05.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 11324 dated 25.05.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the orders dated 01.03.2021 passed by the Commission, through which penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 01.03.2021 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 5,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government by the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The amount of penalty to be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services  
Subj-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  
60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-  
86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 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 :24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**Note :** Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'

Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Bal Krishan,  
Village – Neelpur,  
Tehsil – Rajpura,  
Distt. Patiala(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chief Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R), (HQ)  
Mini Secretariat, Block – C,  
Patiala(Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 197 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.  
Sh. Rajeev Gaur, S. D. O.(Provincial Division), on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 07.01.2020. The complaint has been received in the  
Commission on 24.02.2020.

- On the last date of hearing, held on 01.03.2021,
- i) Sh. Rajeev Gaur, S. D. O.(Provincial Division), stated that the complainant visited the office of the to inspect the relevant official record and available information was supplied to him(the complainant).
  - ii) If the complainant found any information pending, he (the complainant) was advised to visit the office of the concerned respondent PIO on 22.03.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the remaining information.
  - iii) An opportunity was given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the complete information.

Sh. Rajeev Gaur, S. D. O.(Provincial Division), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant has visited the office and the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail dated 24.05.2021, showing that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, appended to which is a note dated 20.05.2021, signed by the appellant as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Anil Kumar, is not present in today's hearing.

After examining the acknowledgement-note signed by the appellant, it is found that he has given receipt for 07 points and through RTI request, he has demanded information carrying nine (09) points.

An opportunity is given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the complete information or it would be assumed that he has received the information and satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 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 :24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**Note :** Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'



Ms. Neeraj D/o Baljit Singh,  
V.P.O. – Baghpur via Hariana,  
Hoshiarpur - 144208 (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Janauri Chauhal Construction Division,  
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

Encl:RTI Request

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 244 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 21.11.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 13.03.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.03.2021, neither the complainant nor the respondent PIO or any of his representative was present. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, Janauri Chauhal Construction Division, Hoshiarpur under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. An opportunity was also given to the complainant to represent this case in person or through his representative.

Neither the appellant, Ms. Neeraj nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the concerned PIO has not sent any reply to the show cause issued to him vide orders dated 01.03.2021.

Another opportunity is given to the concerned PIO to file his reply to the show-cause issued to him vide orders dated 01.03.2021, by the next date of hearing.

Another opportunity is also given to 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' positively or the case would be decided on merits

The case is adjourned to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 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 :24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Note : Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'



Jang Bahadur  
S/o Sh. Jai CHand,  
Mandi Aminganj, Rodhan Wali,  
Teh. & Distt. - Fazilka(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Chairman,  
Punjab Mandi Board, Mandi Bhawan  
Sector 65-A, S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
(Regd. Post) Rural Development and Panchayats,  
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,  
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Chairman,  
Punjab Mandi Board, Mandi Bhawan  
Sector 65-A, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2494 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Jang Bahadur, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Ravinder Mahajan, Executive Engineer(South), in person.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 04.03.2020. First appeal is dated 29.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 01.09.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.03.2021,

- i) Ms. Jaswinder Kaur, Superintendent, stated that a report of 19 pages (which was received from office of Executive Engineer(South) of Punjab Mandi Board vide letter no. 296 dated 15.01.2021) was sent to the appellant.
- ii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, supplied to him by the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- iii) On the hearing held on 09.12.2020, Sh. Mohit Batra, Executive Engineer (South), appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO, stated that the information, demanded by the appellant through RTI request is regarding daily progress report on a complaint dated 29.01.2020, which relates with office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, S. A. S. Nagar.
- iv) Accordingly, another opportunity was given to the Public Information Officer of office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, S. A. S. Nagar to represent this case in person or through his representative.

The appellant, Sh. Jang Bahadur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him.

Sh. Ravinder Mahajan, Executive Engineer(South), who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that part information has already been supplied to the appellant and remaining information would be given to the appellant within a day or two positively. He also states that on the hearing, held on 01.03.2021, Sh. Mohit Batra, Executive Engineer (South), wrongly stated that the information, demanded by the appellant through RTI request is regarding daily progress report on a complaint dated 29.01.2020, which relates with office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, S. A. S. Nagar and the information in question has been given to the appellant.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to provide the remaining information to the appellant within two weeks from today 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 to him by the respondent PIO and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The Public Information Officer of office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, S. A. S. Nagar is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case. A copy of this order also be sent to him through registered post.

The case is adjourned to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 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 :24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**Note : Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'**



Jang Bahadur S/o Sh. Jai Chhand,  
Mandi Aminganj, Rodhan Wali,  
Teh. & Distt. - Fazilka(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer(S)  
Punjab Mandi Board, Mandi Bhawan,  
Civil Division, Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Chief Engineer,  
Punjab Mandi Board, Mandi Bhawan,  
Sector 65-A, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2495 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Jang Bahadur, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Sahil Gagneja, S. D. O., in person.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 13.01.2020. First appeal is dated 16.03.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.09.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.03.2021, the appellant stated that information at point no. 05 and 06 is not satisfactory as copy of plan does not match with the M B Book. Another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a proper reply to the queries raised at point no. 05 and 06 through RTI request to the appellant with a copy to the Commission

Sh. Sahil Gagneja, S. D. O., who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2566 dated 20.05.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jang Bahadur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the information at point no. 05 and 06 of the RTI request till date.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 01.06.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information and collect the same.

The respondent PIO is also directed to supply the information, which would be identified by the appellant, to him during his visit to respondent's office.

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

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

The case is adjourned to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 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 : 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**Note :** Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'



Ms. Minakshi Goyal  
W/o Sh. Durgesh Goyal,  
H. No. 107, Century Enclave,  
Phase – 1, Nabha Road,  
Patiala - 147001(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Assistant Labour Commissioner, Punjab,  
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,  
S. A. S. Nagar, Mohali (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 787 of 2020**

Present : Ms. Minakshi Goyal, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Jagpreet Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner-cum-PIO, in person.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 22.11.2019. First appeal is dated 25.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.03.2021, the appellant stated that information given at point no. 03 of the RTI request is not satisfactory. The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record during working hours to inspect the relevant official record. The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant during her visit to office to inspect the relevant official record and supply the required information to the appellant positively. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether she has received the remaining information/reply at point no. 03 of the RTI request.

Sh. Jagpreet Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner-cum-PIO, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information at point no. 03 of the RTI request has been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Ms. Minakshi Goyal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that she has not received such information (as stated above) till date as she has received only an office-order but no information at point no. 03 of the RTI request is received by her.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on any working day during official hours to collect the remaining information.

The respondent PIO is also directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant during her visit to respondent's office.

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether she has received the remaining information or not, by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 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 :24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**Note :** Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'

Charanjit Singh,  
H. No. B-5-392,  
Ramgarhia Gurudwara Road,  
Barnala (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
P. W. D. (Central Works Division),  
Sangrur at Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
P. W. D. (National Highways Circle,  
Sector 17, 17-Bays Building, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1862 of 2020

Present : Sh. Charanjit Singh, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Tarsem Raj, Executive Engineer (Central Works Division), in person.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 02.10.2019. First appeal is dated 31.01.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.07.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.03.2021,

- i) The appellant stated that the information given to him not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.
- ii) Sh. Narinder Pal Singh, Executive Engineer, sought an adjournment in this case so that the required information could be provided to the appellant.
- iii) Last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request.
- iv) If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Narinder Pal Singh, Executive Engineer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 595 dated 17.05.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 11101 dated 21.05.2021. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Charanjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the information as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 25.05.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information and collect the same.

The respondent PIO is also directed to supply the information, which would be identified by the appellant, to him during his visit to respondent's office.

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

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

The case is adjourned to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 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.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date : 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

Sanjeev Goyal  
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,  
H. No. 148, Model Town,  
Phase – 1,  
Bathinda - 151001 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The General Manager,  
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation,  
Bathinda (Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Bathinda(Punjab)

...Respondents

### **Complaint Case No. 27 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Goyal , the complainant in person.  
Sh. Davinder Jaura, Executive Engineer O/o Municipal Corporation, Bathinda for  
the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 15.02.2019. The complaint has been received in the  
Commission on 30.12.2019.

- i) On the last date of hearing, held on 01.03.2021, the complainant stated that information given to him is not certified, moreover, not legible.
- ii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the legible and certified copies of the required information, to the complainant.
- iii) An opportunity was also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the information 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.
- iv) For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of General Manager, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Bathinda.

Sh. Davinder Jaura, Executive Engineer of office of Municipal Corporation,  
Bathinda, appeared in today's hearing.

The complainant, Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO office of General Manager, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Bathinda.

Contd...2/-

Neither the respondent PIO of office of General Manager, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Bathinda nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing, he has also sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, legible and certified copies of the required information has not been given by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 21.12.2020 and 01.03.2021.

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent-PIO concerned of office of General Manager, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Bathinda, to supply the legible and certified copies of the required information, to the complainant with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing positively. He is also directed 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' to clear the facts of this case.

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO, 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.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the orders dated 01.03.2021 passed by the Commission, through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 01.03.2021 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 10,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government by the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The amount of penalty to be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head	.. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Subj-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
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 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 :24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Note : Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'



Nitin Kumar Garg  
C/o Police Public Dairy,  
15-A, Shastri Nagar,  
Model Town, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Mandi Board Division,  
Kaourthala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Chief Engineer(North),  
Punjab Mandi Board,  
Sector 65-A, Mandi Bhawan, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2433 of 2020**

Present : Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Balvir Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 28.02.2020. First appeal is dated 01.06.2020. Second  
appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.09.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.03.2021,

- i) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 354 dated 24.05.2021 had intimated the Commission that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant through a letter dated 01.03.2021 had intimated the Commission that he has received incomplete information as Rs. 144/- was demanded by the respondent PIO for 72 pages of information and he has deposited Indian Postal Orders for Rs. 150/- and he has received only 17 pages of information, which are less than 72 pages, moreover, copies of information given to him are not clear and legible.
- iii) Both the parties were directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the date fixed for hearing so that facts of this case could be cleared.

Sh. Balvir Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that whatever information is available in the official record, has been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Nitin Kumar Garg, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information vide letter dated 01.03.2021. It is placed in the case-file.

An opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a reply, in writing, specifically mentioning that available information regarding works-order has been given to the appellant and no other list of 'works-order done' apart from already given list, is available in the official record, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 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.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Date :24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

**Note :** Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'

(Regd. Post) Inderjit Singh  
S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh,  
V.P.O. – Sabhra(Patti Narad Ki),  
Tehsil – Patti,  
Distt. – Tarn Taran - 143416(Punjab) ....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Division - 2,  
Amritsar (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Superintending Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R),  
Batala Road, Amritsar (Punjab) ...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2309 of 2020

Present : Sh. Inderjit Singh , 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 19.05.2020. First appeal is dated 29.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.08.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 08.03.2021,

- i) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1508 dated 21.01.2021 had intimated the Commission that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information was supplied to the appellant. It is taken on record.
- ii) The appellant stated that he received information only at point no. 03 and 20 of the RTI request and pointed out deficiencies through letter dated 08.02.2021.
- iii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not.
- v) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Division - 2, Amritsar, 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.

The appellant, Sh. Inderjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received incomplete information from the respondent PIO as he has received information only at point no. 03 and 20 of the RTI request and information supplied on other points are not proper.

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. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, 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 26.04.2021.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information to the appellant 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 fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Executive Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Division - 2, Amritsar. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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

Major Head	.. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head	.. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head	.. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head	.. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head	.. 0070 Other Administrative Services
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

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

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties through registered post.

Date :24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

**Note : Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'**