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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Sh. Deepak Kalia, (9814400785,8798000785),

V/s.

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, **O/o** The Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

#31, Kailash Nagar, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5634 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Deepak Kalia is present.

Sh. Satwinder Singh, Senior Assistant from Head Registry Assistant Branch is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 31.12.2020, the date of First Appeal is 20.10.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 10.12.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 15.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Deepak Kalia states that no information has been supplied to him. He further mentions about an email dated 18.05.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Satwinder Singh states that the information along with report has been sent to the Appellant vide whatsapp mobile application and the same has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 23.05.2022, which is taken on record.

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Deepak Kalia is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

Also, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant (i.e. after removing the deficiencies if pointed out by the Appellant to their Department) by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 16.11.2022 at 11 a.m. for hearing.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 24.05.2022 (Sanjiv Garg)

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Sh. Gurvinder Singh, S/o Lakhwinder Singh,

R/o Village Nayagaon, Tehsil Moonak, District Sangrur.

M: 98159-06070

V/s.

Public Information Officer.

O/o The Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Village Nawangaon,

Tehsil Moonak, District Sangrur.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Sangrur.

Respondents

...Appellant

Appeal Case No. 5635 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

The Appellant, Sh. Gurvinder Singh is present. Present:

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 13.09.2021, the date of First Appeal is 18.10.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 10.12.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 15.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gurvinder Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date. He further mentions about an email dated 04.03.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, none is present from the department.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a letter dated 15.03.2022 has been written from office of PIO -cum- BDPO Andana at Moonak to Sh. Dimple, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Nawangaon Block Andana at Moonak, to attend the today's hearing and to supply the information to the Appellant accordingly, but nobody appears from the department today.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant and no one appears from the department today relating to this case.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Village Nawangaon, Tehsil Moonak, District Sangrur as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The PIO concerned is directed to bring all the documents / reply to the Commission relating to this case on the next date and if the PIO and other concerned officials would not personally appear with all the concerned documents relating to this case in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the concerned PIO has nothing to say and Court could take further action against the PIO on the next date of hearing. 1/2

<u>Appeal Case No. 5635 of 2021</u> {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}





The Appellant, Sh. Gurvinder Singh or his representative is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case on the next date of the hearing and if he failed to appear personally in the Commission on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he has no intention in collecting the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

A copy of this order along with RTI application be sent to the office of PIO –cum- BDPO Andana at Moonak and to Sh. Dimple, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Nawangaon Block Andana at Moonak, so that the above said order be complied properly before the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 20.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 20.07.2022 in office of Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

Dated: 24.05.2022

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Show Cause: (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Village Nayagaon, Tehsil Moonak, District Sangrur. (Encl. RTI Application)

CC: (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, —cum-

Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Andana at Moonak (Encl. RTI Application)

CC: (Regd. Post) Sh. Dimple (Panchayat Secretary)

Gram Panchayat Nawangaon Block Andana at Moonak

(Encl. RTI Application)

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Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur, (M: 9872139640) W/o Sh. Ajaipal Singh,

VPO Gumtala, Opposite Govt. Dispendsary, Amritsar.

V/s.

Public Information Officer.

O/o The SDM,

Khaddor Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority, O/o The SDM, Khadoor Sahib, District Tarn Taran.

Respondents

...Appellant

Appeal Case No. 5636 of 2021 {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

The Appellant, Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur is present. Present:

Sh. Harjit Singh, Dealing Clerk, Tehsil office is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 06.07.2021, the date of First Appeal is 10.08.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 10.12.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 15.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Dealing Clerk, Sh. Harjit Singh states that the information could not be supplied to the Appellant as point number 1, 2 and 3 of this RTI relates to 3rd party information and information relating to point number 4 and 5 could be collected from the concerned Saanjh Kendra after depositing the fees there.

On asking the Appellant about her interest in gathering the information to which the Appellant, Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur states that after the death of her mother in law Smt. Balraj Kaur, she wants to know the property transactions of mentioned property as per RTI. Also, emails sent by the Appellant to the Commission has also been taken on record.

After going through the case and discussion with the parties, I am of the view that the concerned PIO is directed to supply the information to the Appellant relating to point number 1, 2 and 3 of the RTI except point number 4 and 5 of the RTI application by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that she has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

The Appellant is also directed in relating to point number 4 and 5 of the RTI, the Appellant could collect the information from the concerned Saanjh Kendra after depositing the requisite fees there by applying through proper channel.

This case is adjourned to 22.11.2022 at 11 a.m. for hearing.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Sh. Jagdish Singh, S/o Sh. Gian Singh, 9 / 20, Mandi Mullanpur, Ludhiana (Pin:141101)

M: 81958-00345Appellant V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The SHO,

Police Station Dakha, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o The SSP, Jagraon, Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5638 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Jagdish Singh is absent.

Sh. Balwinder Singh, Head Constable is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 17.09.2021, the date of First Appeal is 19.10.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 13.12.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 15.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jagdish Singh is absent.

On the other hand, the Head Constable, Sh. Balwinder Singh states that the information has been sent to the Appellant and further mentions about an email dated 13.05.2022 and letter dated 07.01.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Jagdish Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

Also, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant (i.e. after removing the deficiencies if pointed out by the Appellant to their Department) by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have already been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 16.11.2022 at 11 a.m. for hearing.

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(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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Dated: 24.05.2022

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Kulwant Singh S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh,

Sh. Harjinder Pal S/o Sh. Satnam Singh,

V. Rajowal, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar. (Punjab) PIN: 144039

M: 98766-71332. 94630-85827

... Appellant

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**,

O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nurmahal,

District Jalandhar.

{Encl. RTI Application}

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Jalandhar.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5640 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Kulwant Singh is present.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 13.09.2021, the date of First Appeal is 21.10.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 13.12.2021.

V/s.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 15.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. **24.05.2022.**

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Kulwant Singh states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, none is present from the department.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a letter dated 02.03.2022 and email dated 06.04.2022 has been received in the Commission, which has been written by FAA O/o DDPO, Jalandhar to PIO O/o BDPO, Noormahal to attend the hearing and to supply the information to the Appellant accordingly, but still nobody appears from the department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant and no one appears from the department today relating to this case.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nurmahal, District Jalandhar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of **hearing.** A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date. The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have already been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

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Also, the Appellant, Sh. Kulwant Singh is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 22.11.2022 at 11 a.m. for hearing.

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Dated: 24.05.2022

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Smt. Kiran Sharma,

W/o Sh. Jagdish Sharma,

Street No. 42, Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer.

O/o The Commissioner of Police,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Commissioner of Police,

Ludhiana.

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5117 of 2021

V/s.

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: Sh. Sushil Kumar, the representative of the Appellant is present.

ASI, Sh. Ramesh Kumar is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 21.08.2021, the date of First Appeal is 24.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 10.11.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 03.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Sushil Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the ASI, Sh. Ramesh Kumar states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant through registered post. He further mentions about an email dated 21.05.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

After going through the case file, I am of the view that the emails dated 16.05.2022 and 07.02.2022 which have been sent by the Appellant to the undersigned bench are taken on record.

In view of above, the PIO concerned is directed to bring all the documents / reply to the Commission relating to this case on the next date and if the PIO and other concerned officials would not personally appear with all the concerned documents relating to this case in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the concerned PIO has nothing to say and Court could take further action against the PIO on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Smt. Kiran Sharma or her representative is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case on the next date of the hearing and if she or her representative failed to appear personally in the Commission on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that she has no intention in collecting the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 16.11.2022 in office of Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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Dated: 24.05.2022

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

(Regd. Post) Sh. Rakesh Kumar, (M:99152-20531),

S/o Sh. Kuldip Kumar,

R/o VPO Pasla, District Jalandhar.

...Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Rurka Kalan, Jalandhar.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer,

Jalandhar.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5123 of 2021

V/s.

Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is present.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

Dated: 24.05.2022

The date of RTI Application is 28.04.2021, the date of First Appeal is 19.06.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 11.11.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 03.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner.

Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the department till date.

On the other hand, none is present from the department.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that the concerned department has send the information to the Appellant vide letter dated 18.06.2021. Also, it has been observed that a letter dated 02.03.2022 has been received in the Commission, which has been written by FAA O/o DDPO, Jalandhar to PIO O/o BDPO, Rurka Kalan to attend the hearing and to supply the information to the Appellant accordingly, but still nobody appears from the department in today's hearing.

On further discussion with the Appellant it has also been found that the Appellant had not pointed out any deficiencies till date relating to received information.

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

Also, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant (i.e. after removing the deficiencies if pointed out by the Appellant to their Department) by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 22.11.2022 at 11 a.m. for hearing.

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

(Regd. Post) Sh. Mohinder Pal Goyal, (M:98557-00543)

S/o Sh. Sant Ram Goyal,

R/o Village Jatiwal, PO Bhadson, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**,

> **O/o** The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nabha, District Patiala. {Encl. RTI Application}

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala.

... Respondents

... Appellant

Appeal Case No. 5539 of 2021 {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

The Appellant, Sh. Mohinder Pal Goyal is present. Present:

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 17.08.2021, the date of First Appeal is 01.10.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 10.12.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 15.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Mohinder Pal states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, none is present from the department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as information is still not supplied to the Appellant and no one appears from the department today relating to this case.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Nabha, District Patiala, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

In view of above, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date. The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have already been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Mohinder Pal is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 22.11.2022 at 11 a.m. for hearing.

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Dr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta, (M: 99929-31181)

House No. 1722, Sector 14, Hisar (Pin: 125001).

V/s.

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, **O/o** The Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5541 of 2021
[Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software]

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Sandeep Kumar is absent.

Ms. Anita Rani, Junior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

Dated: 24.05.2022

The date of RTI Application is 30.07.2021, the date of First Appeal is 21.09.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 10.12.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 15.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner. Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sandeep Kumar is absent.

On the other hand, the Junior Assistant, Ms. Anita Rani states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission along with cover letter number 108-E dated 12.05.2022, which is taken on record.

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Sandeep Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

Also, the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant (i.e. after removing the deficiencies if pointed out by the Appellant to their Department) by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 16.11.2022 at 11 a.m. for hearing.

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Sh. Deepak Kalia, (9814400785,8798000785),

#31, Kailash Nagar, Jalandhar.

V/s.

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, **O/o** The SSP (Rural),, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, O/o The IGP, Jalandhar.

Dated: 24.05.2022

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5633 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Deepak Kalia is present.

DSP, Sh. Gurbachan Singh from Jalandhar Rural HQ is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 08.03.2021, the date of First Appeal is 23.10.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 10.12.2021.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing dated 15.02.2022 before the State Information Commissioner.

Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab vide office order dated 21.01.2022 has re-allocated the above mentioned case to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, this case was fixed for today's hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

In today's hearing, while the hearing of this present case gets started the Appellant, Sh. Deepak Kalia disconnects from the Cisco Webex Meeting Software. However, an email dated 21.05.2022 from the Appellant has been received in the Commission vide which he has mentioned that no information has been supplied to him and the same is taken on record.

On the other hand, the DSP, Sh. Gurbachan Singh states that information could not be supplied to the Appellant as it relates to the 3rd party information. He further mentions about a letter dated 24.01.2022 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

After going through the case file, I am of the view that the Appellant, Sh. Deepak Kalia is directed to justify before the Commission that under what public interest the Appellant is asking for such information.

On the next date of hearing, after knowing the public interest of the Appellant, it would be decided by the undersigned whether the information has to be supplied by the concerned department to the Appellant or not.

Both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing positively.

This case is adjourned to 16.11.2022 at 11 a.m. for hearing.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan (M: 85095-80002),

H. no. 78/8, Park Road, New Mandi, Dhuri,

District Sangrur. (Punjab).

V/s.

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD),

Sangrur.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3892 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is present.

Sh. Ashwani Kumar, EO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard by the undersigned on 24.11.2021 in which show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO and was adjourned for 21.02.2022 but it could not be heard on 21.02.2022 due to technical fault in connection of network and the case is adjourned for today's hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the EO, Sh. Ashwani Kumar states that he has recently joined the office and further accepts that the delay has happened at their department's end for not supplying the information. Further on discussion, he requests the Court if the Appellant could visit their concerned office as the RTI application of the Appellant is not clear.

After discussing with both the parties, I am of the view that, the Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan is directed to visit the concerned office tomorrow i.e. 25.05.2022 at 11.00 a.m. at the office of Sh. Ashwani Kumar, EO and meet him personally for collecting the requisite information after identifying the same as per his RTI.

The EO, Sh. Ashwani Kumar and other concerned officials are directed to remain present at the time of the Appellant's visit on the said date and time for supplying the requisite information, as per RTI application.

If the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the information then it will be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the inspection could not took place from the Department's end then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned.

Both the parties agrees to the above said order.

This case is adjourned to 22.11.2022 at 11 a.m. for hearing.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta (M: 98149-24851),

R/o 8/ 237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanour, Ludhiana (141101)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer.

O/o The Director,

Local Govt. Department Punjab,

(Establishment Branch)

Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Director,

Local Govt. Department Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 255 of 2021

V/s.

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is present.

Sh. Abhay Joshi Accountant from EO, MC, Mullanpur Dakha is present and

None is present from office of Director Local Govt. Department, Punjab, Chandigarh.

ORDER:

This case was last heard by the undersigned on 24.11.2021 and was adjourned for 21.02.2022 but it could not be heard on 21.02.2022 due to technical fault in connection of network and the case is adjourned for today's hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Accountant of EO, MC, Mullanpur Dakha, Sh. Abhay Joshi states that the RTI was transferred to them and in reply to that they have supplied the information to the Appellant which are relating to their office i.e. point number 5, 6 and 7 of the RTI application. He further mentions that apart from that the information on remaining points have to be supplied by the Director Head Office. He also mentions that the penalty of Rs. 5000/(imposed on 24.11.2021) has also been deposited to the Government Treasury and proof of the receipt dated 23.02.2022 has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 24.05.2022, which is taken on record.

On this, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar mentions that incomplete information has been supplied to him. Moreover, the information has to be supplied by the Director, Local Govt. Department office not by the MC, Mullnapur Dakha office.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as no one appears from the PIO O/o The Director, Local Govt. Department, Punjab for clarifying the facts of this case. The concerned PIO is directed to go through the orders of the Commission dated 24.11.2021 and supply the information to the Appellant accordingly through registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply vide which explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which it would be presumed that the concerned PIO has nothing to say and Commission can take further action against him.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, **if any**, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 22.11.2022 at 11 a.m. for hearing.

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Dated: 24.05.2022

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(Regd. Post) Sh. N.K. Sayal,

Punjab Sayal Street,

Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib (Pin: 140406) Punjab

Public Information Officer, (Regd. Post)

O/o The Director.

Local Govt. Department Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Superintendent, (Establishment Branch) O/o The Director,

Local Govt. Department Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer.**

O/o Chief Vigilance Officer,

O/o The Director,

Local Govt. Department Punjab, Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Director.

Local Govt. Department Punjab. Sector 35-A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

... Appellant

Appeal Case No. 2824 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, N.K. Sayal (through Cisco Webex) is present.

Sh. Kapil, Senior Assistant from Establishment Branch (personally in Chamber) and

Sh. Navdeep Sharma, Chief Sanitary Inspector from Director office (through Cisco Webex) are present from

the department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard by the undersigned on 24.11.2021 and was adjourned for 21.02.2022 but it could not be heard on 21.02.2022 due to technical fault in connection of network and the case is adjourned for today's hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. N.K. Sayal states that no information has been supplied to him till date and his voice was not audible during the hearing of the Court. An email dated 07.05.2022 and 25.02.2022 which has been sent by the Appellant to the Commission is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Sh. Navdeep Sharma states that the concerned information pertains to Establishment Branch and the Senior Assistant, Sh. Kapil is present from the same.

The Senior Assistant, Sh. Kapil states that the Appellant is asking of a person who is no more and moreover he verbally explains the facts of this case during the hearing.

In view of above, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Kapil is directed to submit the explanation in writing signed by the PIO relating to this RTI to the Commission as well as to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing.

Also, the PIO concerned is directed to bring all the documents / reply to the Commission relating to this case on the next date and if the PIO and other concerned officials would not personally appear with all the concerned documents relating to this case in the Court on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that the concerned PIO has nothing to say and Court could take further action against the PIO on the next date of hearing. 1/2

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The Appellant, Sh. N K Sayal or his representative is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this case on the next date of the hearing and if he or his representative failed to appear personally in the Commission on the next date of hearing then it would be presumed that he has no intention in collecting the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. and all the concerned parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 16.11.2022 in office of Punjab State Information Commission, Red Cross Building, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Sh. Amandeep Singh Gill, (M: 70876-70037)

S/o Sh. Nirmal Singh Gill,

Street No. 15, Peeru Banda, Salem Tibri, Ludhiana (141008)

... Appellant

...Respondents

Public Information Officer, (Regd. Post)

O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer,

Block Ghall Khurd.

District Ferozepur (Punjab) Order dated: 16.11.2020 Encl. Order dated: 13.12.2021

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Village Development Officer (VDO),

O/o Gram Panchayat, Khuh Chah Parsia, Block Ghall Khurd,

District Ferozepur (Punjab) Order dated: 16.11.2020 Encl.

Order dated: 13.12.2021

V/s.

Complaint Case No. 450 of 2019

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Amandeep Singh is absent.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 07.03.2022.

In today's hearing, both the parties are absent.

After going through the case file it has been observed that on the last date of hearing dated 07.03.2022, both the parties were absent and in the order it was mentioned that:-

"......After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that Penalty was imposed upon the concerned respondent-PIOs i. e. i) PIO of office of B.D.P.O., Block Ghal Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur and ii) PIO of office of Village Development Officer, Gram Panchayat, Khuh-ChahParsia, Block Ghall Khurd, Distt. Ferozepur, to comply with the orders dated 16.11.2020 passed by the Commission by depositing penalty (jointly or individually) of Rs. 10000/- (penalty already imposed Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 07.07.2020) + enhanced (announced today) Rs. 5000/- = Rs. 10,000/-) into the Government Treasury and a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

It also emerges that the respondent PIO office of Gram Panchayat, Khuh-ChahParsia, has complied the order dated 16.11.2020 by paying penalty of Rs. 5000/- (which was imposed upon him vide orders dated 16.11.2020 but the concerned PIO of office of V.D.O., Block Ghall Khurd has not complied with the orders dated 16.11.2020......"

The concerned PIO is directed to look into matter and make sure to comply the previous orders of the Commission relating to this present case, failing which an action would be taken the PIO concerned for not depositing the remaining penalty.

The PIO O/o Director Rural Development and Panchayats, SAS Nagar (Mohali) is directed to look into this matter and make sure that the concerned PIO is directed to deposit the remaining penalty amount else further strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned.

A copy of the order dated 13.12.2021 and 16.11.2020 of the Commission be sent to the PIO's concerned along with this order.

This case is adjourned to 22.11.2022 at 11 a.m. for hearing.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

(Sanjiv Garg) **State Information Commissioner** Punjab

CC: (Regd. Post) The Director,

Dated: 24.05.2022

Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,

SAS Nagar (Mohali)

Order dated 16.11.2020 Encl. Order dated 13.12.2021