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# Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, (8509580002) House No. 78/8, Park Road, Navi Mandi, Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur. Versus Public Information Officer O/o Director General of Police, Punjab, Sector 9, Chandigarh. Public Information Officer O/o Director General of Police, Punjab, NRI wing S.A.S Nagar.

### **Public Information Officer**

O/o Additional Director General of Police, Punjab, Sector 9, Chandigarh.

# **First Appellate Authority**

O/o Director General of Police, Punjab, Sector 9, Chandigarh.

# Appeal Case No. 172 of 2021 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present: Appellant: Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan

Respondent: Sh. Sukhdeep Singh (Head Constable), 9855680456

# **ORDER (Fifth Hearing):**

- **1.** This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 07.02.2022.
- 2. Both the parties are present and heard. Appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan stated that no satisfactory reply / information has been provided in this case by the respondent authority so far.
- 3. After viewing the complexity of this case the case is adjourned to the personal hearing at PSIC, Chandigarh on <u>27th</u>, <u>June</u>, <u>2022 at 11.30 A.M.</u> with the directions to the respondent PIOs/APIOs of this case to be present in Commission with all the relevant record of the case. In case the partial information is not available in the office record then an undertaking may be filled in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission without fail.

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State Information Commissioner, Pb.

Chandigarh Dated: 24.05,2022

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, (9814924851)

Advocate, R/o 8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur, District- Ludhiana - 141101

.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

Versus Public Information Officer

O/o Add. Chief Secretary,

Department of Home Affairs, Punjab, Chandigarh.

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Director General of Police, Punjab, Sector 9, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o Add. Chief Secretary,

Department of Home Affairs, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 692 of 2021

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present: Appellant: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta

Respondent: Sh. Navdeep Singh Chahal (Dept. of Home affairs), 9988070767

# **ORDER (Fifth hearing):**

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 07.02.2022.
- 2. Both the parties are present for the hearing. The appellant Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta is aggrieved over the non-receipt of the information. He further submits that information sought was not furnished by the PIO on the grounds that the sought information is third party information. The Commission is in receipt of correspondence from respondent authority dated 30.03.2022 vide diary 6577, therein the aforesaid statement of the appellant is mentioned in detail.
- 3. After hearing both the parties and through the case file, the matter is adjourned to the personal hearing at PSIC, Chandigarh on <u>27th</u>, <u>June</u>, <u>2022 at 11.30 A.M.</u> with the directions to the respondent PIOs/APIOs of this case to be present in Commission with all the relevant record of the case. In case the partial information is not available in the office record then an undertaking may be filled in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission without fail.

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.....Respondent

**Versus** 

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o XEN, Construction Division No 1, PWD B&R, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o XEN, Construction Division No 1, PWD B&R, Ludhiana.

# Appeal Case No. 3362 of 2021

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on : 31-05-2021 PIO replied on : 07-06-2021 First appeal filed on : 28-06-2021

First Appellate Authority order : -

Present: Appellant: Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta

Respondent: Sh. Amanpreet Singh (Suptd.), 9878407013

# **ORDER (Third hearing):**

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 07.02.2022.
- 2. <u>Written submission from respondent:</u> A letter dated 01.04.2022 vide diary no. 6768 is received in the commission the relevant portion of which is reproduced below:

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਰੈਡ ਕਰੰਸ ਬਿਲਡਿੰਗ ਨੇੜੇ ਰੋਜ਼ ਗਾਰਡਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-16,ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਡੀ.ਡੀ. ਨੰ. 126235 ਮਿਤੀ 25-03-2022 ਰਕਮੀ 3000/- ਬਣਾ ਕੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਰਸੀਦ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਵੇ। ਆਪ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਜੋ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਜੋ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਪਲਭਦ ਸੀ, ਉਹ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ. 834 ਮਿਤੀ 05.08.2021 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ।

- 3. Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta he is not satisfied with the inforarmion so supplied by the respondent authority and he has pointed out deficiencies in it.
- 4. In view of the above observations, the PIO is directed to visit the RTI application afresh and furnish a modified reply to the appellant on all of the points raised in the RTI application. The Commission offers the respondent PIO another opportunity to furnish the information requested by the appellant. Falling to this penal proceeding under Section 20 shall be initiated.

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In case the partial information is not available in the office record then an undertaking may be filled in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission therein mentioning the reasons for its non-availability.

5. To come up on **07.06.2022** through **Cisco Webex** at **11:00** am. {Steps: Install Cisco Webex < Click on Join Meeting< Write Meeting No. – **1581884645** }

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Chandigarh Dated: 24.05.2022

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.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

# Sh. Tejinder Singh, (9041004313)

Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanih Kender, Phillaur – 1444

Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur – 144410

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Punjab Medical Council, Sector 69, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o Registrar, Punjab Medical Council, Sector 69, Mohali.

**Appeal Case No. 3543 of 2021** 

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on : 16-03-2021 PIO replied on : 24-03-2021 First appeal filed on : 31-05-2021

First Appellate Authority order

Present: Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh

Respondent: Absent

# **ORDER (Third hearing):**

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 07.02.2022.
- 2. <u>Written Submission from respondent</u>: A letter dated 18.02.2022 vide diary no. 3451 is received in the Commission the relevant portion of which is reproduced below:

A parawise information is as under:-

- The list of doctors registered with Punjab Medical Council is available on the website of Punjab Medical Council i.e. <u>www.punjabmedicalcouncil.com</u> and also available on the website of National Medical Commission i.e. <u>www.nmc.org.in</u>, Information regarding registration of hospitals is not concerned with this office and no such document available in this office.
- 2. No such document available in this office.
- 3. No such document available in this office.

### **OBSERVATIONS:**

3. Whenever an information is sought and it is not readily available, a thorough attempt needs to be made to search and locate the information wherever it may be available. It is only in a case where despite a thorough search and inquiry made by the responsible officer, it is concluded that the information sought by the applicant cannot be traced or was never available with the government or has been destroyed in accordance with the rules of the concerned department that the PIO would be justified in expressing his inability to provide the desired information.

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Even in the case where it is found that the desired information though available in the record

of the government at some point of time, cannot be traced despite best efforts made in this

regard, the department concerned must necessarily fix the responsibility for the loss of the

record and take appropriate departmental action against the officers/officials responsible for

loss of the record. Unless such a course of action is adopted, it would be possible for any

department/office, to deny the information which otherwise is not exempted from disclosure,

wherever the said department/office finds it inconvenient to bring such information into public

domain, and that in turn, would necessarily defeat the very objective behind enactment of

the Right to Information Act."

4. Respondent is absent today in the court without any intimation.

**DECISION:** 

5. Keeping in view the facts of the case the commission the PIO is directed to visit the RTI

application afresh and furnish a modified reply to the appellant on all of the points raised in

the RTI application. The Commission offers the respondent PIO another opportunity to

furnish the information/reply requested by the appellant. Falling to this penal proceeding

under Section 20 shall be initiated.

In case the partial information is not available in the office record then an affidavit

may be filled in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission therein

mentioning the reasons for its non-availability.

6. To come up on 08.06.2022 through Cisco Webex at 11:00 am.

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.....Respondent

Sh. Tejinder Singh, (9041004313)

Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,

Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur – 144410

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Sub Registrar,

Pathankot.

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Pathankot.

**Appeal Case No. 3668 of 2021** 

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on : 24-05-2021

PIO replied on : -

First appeal filed on : 24-06-2021

First Appellate Authority order : -

Present: Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh

Respondent: Absent

# **ORDER (Second hearing):**

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 08.02.2022 vide which the appellant was asked to point out deficiency in the information so supplied by the respondent authority, but he failed to do so .
- 2. In the view of above a last opportunity is granted to the appellant and he is advised to point out deficiencies, if any, to the respondent-Public Information Officer with a copy to the Commission failing which the ex-parte decision will be taken on the next date of hearing.
- 3. To come up on **08.06.2022** through **Cisco Webex** at **11:00** am. {Steps: Install Cisco Webex < Click on Join Meeting < Write Meeting No. **1581884645** }

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Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,

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Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Sub Registrar,

Beas.

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Baba Bakala Sahib.

**Appeal Case No. 3669 of 2021** 

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on : 04-05-2021

PIO replied on : -

First appeal filed on : 05-06-2021

First Appellate Authority order : -

Present: Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh

Respondent: Absent

# **ORDER (Second hearing):**

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 08.02.2022 vide which the appellant was asked to point out deficiency in the information so supplied by the respondent authority, but he failed to do so .
- In the view of above a last opportunity is granted to the appellant and he is advised to
  point out deficiencies, if any, to the respondent-Public Information Officer with a copy
  to the Commission failing which the ex-parte decision will be taken on the next date of
  hearing.
- To come up on 08.06.2022 through Cisco Webex at 11:00 am.
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Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,

Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur – 144410 ......Appellant/Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Sub Registrar, Jhabal,

Distt Tarn Taran.

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Tarn Taran.

**Appeal Case No. 3755 of 2021** 

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on : 04-05-2021

PIO replied on : -

First appeal filed on : 05-06-2021

First Appellate Authority order : -

Present: Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh

Respondent: Sh. Birkaran Singh (Naib Tehsildar), 6356000001

# **ORDER (Second hearing):**

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 08.02.2022.
- 2. Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh stated that no information has been received so far from the respondent.
- 3. Respondent, Sh. Birkaran Singh submitted the unconditional apologies for the delay in dealing this RTI application and assured the Commission that he will furnish a reply/information within 15 days.
- 4. After hearing both the parties and as per the assurance given by the respondent Sh. Birkaran Singh, the Commission offers the respondent authority another opportunity to furnish the information/reply requested by the appellant. Falling to this adverse view will be taken under RTI Act 2005.
- To come up on 08.06.2022 through Cisco Webex at 11:00 am.
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.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

Sh. Tejinder Singh, (9041004313)

Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,

Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur – 144410

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o EO, Municipal Council, Baba Bakala,

Distt. Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o A.D.C (Urban Development)

Amritsar.

Appeal Case No. 3077 of 2021

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on : 23-09-2020

PIO replied on : -

First appeal filed on : 12-12-2020

First Appellate Authority order : -

Present: Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh

Respondent: Absent

# **ORDER (Third Heaing):**

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order of the Commission dated 08.02.2022.
- 2. Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh stated that no information has been supplied so far by the respondent authority.
- 3. The respondent PIO is absent without any intimation for the third time in succession.
- 4. Viewing the absence and non-implementation of the order of the commission O/o EO, Municipal Council, Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar seriously, the PIO (by name) is thus issued a show cause notice (u/s 20 of the RTI Act 2005) in writing the reason for not appearing before the Commission and for not furnishing information to the appellant, within the stipulated time period from the date of receipt of this order. A final opportunity is given to respondent PIO to submit a written reply and to be present the case in person, before initiation of penal proceedings against him/her.
- To come up on 08.06.2022 through Cisco Webex at 11:00 am.
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**NOTE:** The PIO EO, Municipal Council, Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar (Sh. Bhupinder singh, EO) has to be present on next date of hearing.

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(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Pb

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