



Surinder Singh
S/o Sh. Santokh Singh,
H. No. 1381, Baba Farid Nagar,
Village- Kala Ghannupur,
Chhehrata, Distt. – Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairperson,
Punjab Mandi Board,
Tarn Taran (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chairperson,
Punjab Mandi Board,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1510 of 2020

Present : Sh. Surinder Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Satnam Singh, Junior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 06.02.2020. First appeal is dated 29.02.2020.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.06.2020.

Sh. Satnam Singh, Junior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Surinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been received by him from the respondent PIO.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post and send a copy of the information with a copy of postal receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is 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 through registered post well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 26th October, 2020 (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 :24th August, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Nirmal Singh(Retd. Naib Tehsildar),
H. No. 1100,
Sector 69,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
(Regd. P:ost)O/o The Tehsildar,
Khadoor Sahib,
Distt. - Tarn Taran(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Khadoor Sahib,
Distt. - Tarn Taran(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1078 of 2020

Present : Sh. Nirmal 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 06.06.2019. First appeal is dated 06.08.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.03.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Nirmal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO and a reply vide letter no. 09 dated 29.01.2020 has been received by him from the respondent PIO, intimating him that the information sought for by him is 'Personal Information'.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. Neither he has not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability nor sent any reply to the Commission. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

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 Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information/proper reply to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. 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, it will be

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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 be sent to him through registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to file/send a point wise reply to the queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request, to the Commission by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to remain present in person during the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

The case is **adjourned to 26th October, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Date :24th August, 2020

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



Rajat Chopra,
H. No. 665/1,
New Kundanpuri,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana - 141001 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
P. W. D. (B & R),
Provincial Division – 1,
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P. W. D. (B & R),
Construction Circle,
Patiala - 1 (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1146 of 2020

Present : Sh. Rajat Chopra , the appellant in person.
Sh. Surinder Singh Chugh, APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 21.09.2019. First appeal is dated 18.11.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.03.2020.

Sh. Surinder Singh Chugh, APIO, appeared on behalf of the respondent
PIO in today's hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Rajat Chopra, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he does not require the information anymore and willing to withdraw the present appeal case. He has also sent a letter through an e-mail dated 24.08.2020, intimating the Commission that he wishes to withdraw the present appeal as the information being sought by him has been obtained through secondary sources and present appeal may be dismissed as withdrawn. It is taken on record.

As the appellant has given his consent to close the case, the case is announced as **dismissed**.

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Date :24th August, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Dhruv Chawla ,
H. No. 333,
Sector 4, Mansa Devi Complex,
Panchkula – 134114

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
P. W. D. (B & R),
Batala, Distt. - Gurdaspur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P. W. D. (B & R),
Construction Circle,
Pathankot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1147 of 2020

Present : Sh. Rajat Chopra , on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Executive Engineer, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 27.08.2019. First appeal is dated 18.11.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.03.2020.

Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Executive Engineer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The respondent PIO also through a reply vide letter no. Special -2 dated 21.08.2020 signed by Executive Engineer, Construction Division, P. W. D. (B & R), Batala, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 24.08.2020, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. It is taken on record.

Sh. Rajat Chopra, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Dhruv Chawla in today's hearing, orally states that the appellant has received the required information in the instant appeal case on 22.08.2020 and the case be closed.

As Sh. Rajat Chopra (the representative of the appellant) has given consent (on behalf of the appellant) to close the case, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :24th August, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Harpinder Singh
S/o Sh. Gurjant Singh,
Khane-Ki-Dhaab, Tehsil – Malout,
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Abohar Canal Division,
Abohar, Distt. - Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Ferozepur Canal Circle,
Ferozepur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 658 of 2020

Present : Sh. Harpinder Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Kamaljit Singh Chahal, Deputy Collector-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 06.02.2020. First appeal is dated 29.02.2020.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.06.2020.

Sh. Kamaljit Singh Chahal, Deputy Collector-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant on 22.01.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Harpinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been received by him from the respondent PIO.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post and send a copy of the information with a copy of postal receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is 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 through registered post well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 26th October, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'**.

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Date :24th August, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Harpinder Singh S/o Sh. Gurjant Singh,
Khane-Ki-Dhaab, Tehsil – Malout,
Distt. – SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Abohar Canal Division,
Abohar, Distt. - Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Ferozepur Canal Circle,
Ferozepur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 659 of 2020

Present : Sh. Harpinder Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Vinod Kumar, S. D. O., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 21.04.2020 (was postponed)
and fixed for hearing for today i. e. 24.08.2020.

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

Sh. Vinod Kumar, S. D. O., who appeared on behalf of the respondent
PIO in today's hearing, states that through RTI request, the appellant has demanded
information regarding copy of an affidavit/Statement given by Smt. Sonu, on the basis of
which her (Smt. Sonu) appointment was made on compassionate grounds in the year
2002, which is personal and 'third party' information, hence could not be supplied.

After going through the RTI request, it emerges that the information,
demanded by the appellant through RTI request, is not 'third party' information.

Accordingly, the concerned respondent PIO is directed to file a written
reply, to the queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request, mentioning the
grounds on the basis of which the appointment of Smt. Sonu was done in the year
2002, to the appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing with a
copy to the Commission with a copy of the postal receipt by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has
received the reply or not, by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 26th October, 2020 (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 :24th August, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Ms. Baljinder Kaur
D/o Sh. Mithu Singh,
V.P.O. – Sivia,
Teh. & Distt. – Bathinda - 151202 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Bathinda (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 492 of 2019

Present : Ms. Baljinder Kaur, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 27.04.2020 (was postponed)
and fixed for hearing for today i. e. 17.08.2020.

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 10.02.2020 and adjourned for
07.04.2020 (was postponed) and fixed for hearing for today i. e. 24.08.2020. On the
hearing, held on 10.02.2020, neither the appellant nor the respondent PIO was present
and last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the
remaining information to the appellant or file a reply as status report, in writing, for the
information which is still pending to be supplied.

The appellant, Ms. Baljinder Kaur, who appeared in person in today's
hearing, states that remaining information has not been supplied to her by the
respondent PIO till date.

On the hearing, held on 17.12.2019, Sh. Rajwinder Singh, Junior Assistant
(representative of the respondent PIO), stated that category wise information of
candidates has been supplied to the appellant and rest of the information is
'voluminous' in nature and the appellant can visit the office of the respondent within one
week from that day (17.12.2019) to specify the information by inspection of official
record so that the same could be supplied to her.

On the hearing, held on 10.02.2020, none of the parties were present and
none of the parties have intimated that whether the inspection of official record, as
directed vide orders dated 17.12.2019, was done or not.

In today's hearing, neither the respondent PIO nor his representative is present in today's hearing.

The appellant (who is present in today's hearing i. e. 24.08.2020) has also not intimated that whether the inspection of official record as directed vide orders dated 17.12.2019, was done or not.

Accordingly, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 24.09.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the information. The appellant is also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 24.09.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the remaining information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to her as per official record by the next date of hearing.

He is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 26th October, 2020 (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 :24th August, 2020

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



Gaurav Kumar Munjal, Advocate,
District Courts,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda (Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4442 of 2019

Present : Sh. Gaurav Kumar Munjal, the appellant in person.
Sh. Munish Kumar, Section officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda and none appeared from office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

ORDER

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

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 19.02.2020 and adjourned for 28.04.2020 (was postponed) and fixed for hearing for today i. e. 24.08.2020. On that hearing, held on 19.02.2020, Public Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh was impleaded as party in this case with the directions to supply the required information to the appellant.

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

Sh. Munish Kumar, Section officer, appeared on behalf of PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, in today's hearing but none came present from office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh despite the fact that on the earlier hearing, held on 19.02.2020, Public Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh was impleaded as party in this case.

Neither the respondent PIO office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has neither sent any intimation regarding his non-availability nor sent any document, which shows that the requisite information has been supplied to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 19.02.2020. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO concerned.

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 State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful denial in supplying the complete information to the RTI applicant.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. 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, 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 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 as per queries raised by him through his RTI request **through registered post** at his residential address with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is **adjourned to 26th October, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Date :24th August, 2020

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



Surinder Kumar Chugh(Retd. Jr. Asstt.)
S/o Sh. Lal Chand,
Block No. D/8-501,
Maya Garden City,
Zirakpur,
Distt. – S.A.S. Nagar (Punjab)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1136 of 2018

Present : Sh. Surinder Kumar Chugh , the complainant in person.
Sh. Munish Kumar, Section Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 24.02.2020 and adjourned for 19.04.2020 (was postponed) and fixed for hearing for today i. e. 24.08.2020. On that hearing, held on 24.02.2020, the respondent PIO was advised to supply the remaining information at point no. 01 and 03 of the RTI request, to the appellant.

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

Sh. Munish Kumar, Section Officer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that bills for payment (due towards the appellant) as demanded through RTI request, have been prepared and sent to Treasury Branch and seeks an adjournment in this case so that confirmation report of payment done, be submitted before the Commission.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to submit confirmation report of payment to the appellant by the next date of hearing.

The complainant is also advised to intimate the Commission that whether he has received the due payment or not, by or on the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 26th October, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Date :24th August, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Mohan Lal S/o Sh. Jhandu Ram,
Opp. HDFC Bank,
Bhagta-Bhai-Ka, Tehsil – Phul,
Distt. - Bathinda (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.,
Operation Division,
Bhagta-Bhai-Ka, Tehsil – Phul,
Distt. - Bathinda(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer (West),
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4696 of 2019

Present : Sh. Mohan Lal, the appellant in person.
Sh. Kanwaljit Singh, Senior Executive Engineer, in person.

ORDER

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

This case was earlier fixed for hearing for 03.03.2020 and adjourned for 11.05.2020 (was postponed) and fixed for hearing for today i. e. 24.08.2020. On that hearing, held on 03.03.2020, the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the applicant through registered post and if any information is not available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply in an affidavit.

Sh. Kanwaljit Singh, Senior Executive Engineer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that a reply/available information has already been given to the appellant and some of the information at point no. 04 and 05 of the RTI request sought for by the appellant through his RTI request is in nature of 'question', which can not be replied.

The appellant, Sh. Mohan Lal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

The respondent-PIO is directed to supply the certified copies of the Required information, as per his queries raised by him through his RTI request as per official record to the appellant and if any information is not available in the official record or any query, raised by the appellant through RTI request is in nature of 'question', he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) is directed to send a reply in an affidavit to the query/queries raised through RTI request, which are not available in the official record or in nature of 'question', to the appellant by the next date of hearing through registered post under intimation to the Commission.

The case is **adjourned to 26th October, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Date :24th August, 2020

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab