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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta,

R/o 8 / 237, Jagraon Road,

Mandi Mullanpur, Distt. Ludhiana (141101) Punjab

V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Regional Deputy Director,

Urban Local Bodies, Punjab, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 450 of 2020

Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software

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

Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 08.06.2021 in which both the parties were present and on the same hearing due to casual approach of the representative of the Respondent / PIO, Sh. Lakhwinder Singh a penalty amounting to Rs. 5000/- was imposed on the concerned PIO and further the PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that partial information has been supplied to him. He further mentions that the information relating to point number 01 and 02 has been supplied to him and further requests for information relating to point number 03 and 04 of the RTI Application.

On the other hand, the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and further states that the penalty amounting of Rs. 5000/- has already been deposited to Government Treasury and the proof of the same has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 24.08.2021, which is taken on record.

On further discussing with both the parties, it has been found that the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is asking for regularization of plots to which Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO denies to the statement of Appellant.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is directed to supply the requisite information (point wise reply) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

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, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 15.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 15.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 24.08.2021

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Mandi Mullanpur, Distt. Ludhiana (141101) Punjab

V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Regional Deputy Director,

Urban Local Bodies, Punjab, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 177 of 2020
{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

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

Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 08.06.2021 in which both the parties were present and on the same hearing due to casual approach of the representative of the Respondent / PIO, Sh. Lakhwinder Singh a penalty amounting to Rs. 5000/- was imposed on the concerned PIO and further the PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that partial information has been supplied to him. He further mentions that he had already pointed out the discrepancies to the concerned PIO vide letter dated 19.07.2020, which is already sent to the Commission vide email 19.07.2020 and taken on record.

On the other hand, the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and further mention about a letter number 1397 dated 18.12.2020 in which it is clearly written that the information has been supplied to the Appellant vide letter number 301 dated 16.03.2020 and another letter number 1395 dated 18.12.2020, which has also been sent to the Commission vide email dated 21.12.2020 and is taken on record. He also requests for some time for depositing the penalty (which was imposed to the concerned PIO vide order dated 08.06.2021) amounting to Rs. 5000/- to the Government Treasury.

To which, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta states that he has not received any of these letters as mentioned by the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the **concerned office on 25.08.2021**i.e. tomorrow at 11:00 A.M. positively for <u>clarifying the facts and collect the information (as per RTI Application)</u> from the concerned department and if the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the record on the said date and time then it would be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the Appellant visits for the inspection and the inspection could not take place on the said date and time from the Department's end then it would be presumed that the concerned department is misleading the Court and further strict action would be recommended against the PIO, on the next date of hearing.

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The PIO is also directed to hand over the information (as per RTI Application) to the Appellant by hand and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to submit the same in writing along with a reason, to the Appellant along with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

The concerned PIO is also directed to submit the proof to the Commission of depositing the penalty Rs. 5000/- to the Government Treasury.

This case is adjourned to 15.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 15.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta,

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Mandi Mullanpur, Distt. Ludhiana (141101) Punjab

V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer,

Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District - Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Regional Deputy Director,

Urban Local Bodies, Punjab, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2595 of 2019

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software} The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta is present.

Sh. Abhay Joshi, APIO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

Present:

This case was last heard on 08.06.2021 in which both the parties were present and on the same hearing due to casual approach of the representative of the Respondent / PIO, Sh. Lakhwinder Singh a penalty amounting to Rs. 5000/- was imposed on the concerned PIO and further the PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that partial information has been supplied to him and further states that he had pointed out deficiencies many times.

On the other hand, the APIO, Sh. Abhay Joshi states that the consolidated information has been supplied to the Appellant and further states that the penalty amounting of Rs. 5000/- has already been deposited to Government Treasury and the proof of the same has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 24.08.2021, which is taken on record.

On further discussing with both the parties, it has been found that the consolidated information has been supplied to the Appellant, to which the PIO is directed to supply the information point wise and in break ups, to which the APIO assures that the point wise information will be supplied to the Appellant soon.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is directed to supply the requisite information (point wise reply) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

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, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 15.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 15.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan, Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market, Mission Road, Pathankot.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, **O/o** The Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Patiala

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 596 of 2021 {Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

V/s.

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.

Sh. Ramandeep Singh Shergill, SDO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

Dated: 24.08.2021

On the last date of hearing i.e. 08.06.2021 the concerned PIO is directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

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

On the other hand, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Shergill, SDO states that the information has been sent to the Appellant today i.e. 24.08.2021 and a copy of cover letter has also been sent to the Commission vide email dated 24.08.2021, which is taken on record.

In view of above, the PIO is directed to send the information individually in both the cases i.e. AC: 596 / 2020 as well in another case AC: 601 / 2021 and the same has been mentioned / directed to the PIO on the previous hearing dated 08.06.2021.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

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Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) **State Information Commissioner**

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan, Opposite Water Tank , Municipal Market, Mission Road, Pathankot.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Circle, Patiala

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 601 of 2021
{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

V/s.

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.

Sh. Ramandeep Singh Shergill, SDO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

On the last date of hearing i.e. 08.06.2021 the concerned PIO is directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing.

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

On the other hand, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Shergill, SDO states that the information has been sent to the Appellant today i.e. 24.08.2021 and a copy of cover letter has also been sent to the Commission vide email dated 24.08.2021, which is taken on record.

In view of above, the PIO is directed to send the information individually in both the cases i.e. AC: 596 / 2020 as well in another case AC: 601 / 2021 and the same has been mentioned / directed to the PIO on the previous hearing dated 08.06.2021.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 15.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 15.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sh. Sunny Marwaha. Royal Country Colony,

Near Taru Da Wara, Phagwara (Punjab) **Appellant**

Public Information Officer,

0/o The Tehsildar, Phagwara (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Phagwara (Punjab) Respondent

> Appeal Case No. 3399 of 2020 {Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

V/s.

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Sunny Marwaha is absent.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

On the last hearing dated 09.06.2021, both the parties were absent and opportunity was given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their any of their representative on the next date of hearing i.e. today through Cisco Webex but both the parties failed to do so.

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

An email dated 19.03.2021 which was received in the Commission from the Department i.e. tehsildaroffice@gmail.com vide which the department has explained that they were unable to connect in the Court of Commission dated 16.03.2021 at 11.00 A.M. but on the next date of hearing dated 09.06.2021 the Respondent / PIO was again absent.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as the Respondent / PIO is absent from the last two hearings and the information is still not supplied to the Appellant as per order of the Commission dated 16.03.2021.

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 Tehsildar, Phagwara, 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 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 in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

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.

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A copy of this order be also forwarded to the office of The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Phagwara to look into this matter and make assure that the information would be supplied to the Appellant by the next date of hearing and the PIO office of The Tehsildar, Phagwara should personally attend the next date of hearing, which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Sunny Marwaha is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 15.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 15.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Show Cause:

Dated: 24.08.2021

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Tehsildar, Tehsil Complex, Phagwara (Punjab)

{Encl. RTI Application}

CC:

(Regd. Post)

The Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Phagwara (Punjab)

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Appellant

Sh. Sanjeev Thakur,

Village Gudha Khurd,

P.O. Madhopur Cantt. (145024) Punjab

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Labour Conciliation Officer, Office of Assistant Labour Commissioner, Pathankot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Labour Commissioner Punjab, Labour Bhawan, Model Welffare Centre, Phase – 10, Sector 64, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) Punjab

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3460 of 2020 {Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur is present.

None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

On the last date of hearing, the Respondent/ PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant and an opportunity was given to the Appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur states that no information has been supplied to him and further states that as per the order of the Commission dated 16.03.2021 he had visited the concerned office for inspection and for collecting the requisite information on 25.03.2021 but the concerned officials were busy in the meeting at that time.

On the other hand, the Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a reply has been filed by the Department vide letter number 159 dated 08.03.2021, which is taken on record. But the department should have appeared in today's Court which is going through Cisco Webex Meeting for clarifying the facts of this case.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as the Respondent / PIO is absent from the last hearing and the information is still not supplied to the Appellant.

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 Labour Conciliation Officer, Pathankot (Punjab), 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 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

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available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

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, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 15.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 15.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 24.08.2021

Show Cause:

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Labour Conciliation Officer, Office of Assistant Labour Commissioner, Pathankot (Punjab)

{Encl. RTI Application}

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Sh. Sanjeev Thakur,

Village Gudha Khurd,

P.O. Madhopur Cantt. (145024) Punjab

V/s.

Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Engineer, P.W.D (B & R), Construction Division,

S.A.S Nagar at Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,

P.W.D (B & R), Construction Circle,

Patiala (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3461 of 2020 {Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur is present.

Sh. Shamsher Singh, SDO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

On the last date of hearing, the Respondent/ PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant and an opportunity was given to the Appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur states that incomplete information has been supplied to him and further states that the deficiencies would have been pointed out to the department vide dated 18.03.2021 which has been received in the Commission vide diary number 6748 dated 24.03.2021 and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the SDO, Sh. Shamsher Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant vide letter number 3098 dated 23.03.2021, which has not been received in the Commission; to this, Sh. SDO, Sh. Shamsher Singh is directed to send the letter dated 23.03.2021 to the Appellant as well as a copy of same to the Commission.

On further discussing with both the parties, the Appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur 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, within 20 days.

An opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply after removing the deficiencies**) 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 in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

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 15.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 15.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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



Sh. Sat Narain Bansal.

127, Phulkian Enclave,

Patiala (147004) M: 9779189592 **Appellant** V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Deputy Director (Admin.). Punjab Water Resources Department, Sector 18, Hydal Building, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Director (Water Cell.), Punjab Water Resources Department, Sector 18, Hydal Building, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3466 of 2020

Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software

The Appellant, Sh. Sat Narain Bansal is present. Present:

Sh. Harjeet Singh, Senior Assistant from the office of Chief Engineer, Head Quarter,

Sector 18 is present from the Department.

ORDER:

On the last date of hearing, the Respondent/ PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant and an opportunity was given to the Appellant to confirm whether he has received the information

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sat Narain Bansal states that no information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Harjeet Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant vide letter dated 17.08.2021 and further requests the Court whatever information is available in their office that can only be supplied.

The phone number have been exchanged between the parties and further both the parties are directed to call each other and set a specific date and time for the Appellant's visit at the concerned office for inspection.

Further, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on the decided date and time positively for clarifying the facts and collect the information (as per RTI Application) from the concerned department and if the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the record on the said date and time then it would be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the Appellant visits for the inspection and the inspection could not take place on the said date and time from the Department's end then it would be presumed that the concerned department is misleading the Court and further strict action would be recommended against the PIO, on the next date of hearing.

The PIO and the Senior Assistant, Sh. Harjeet Singh is directed to remain present at the time of inspection and further the PIO is directed to hand over the information (as per RTI Application) to the Appellant and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to submit the same in writing along with a reason to which office the information pertains or why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant along with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 15.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 15.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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