PSIC Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120 Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab **Manpreet Singh** Model Town, Patiala(Punjab) V/s ...Respondents Appeal Case No. 21 of 2020 Sh. Kamalpreet Singh, on behalf of the appellant. Present : None on behalf of the respondent. Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 15.07.2019. First appeal is dated 11.09.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.10.2020, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 12.11.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's

hearing.

Sh. Kamalpreet Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Manpreet Singh in today's hearing, intimates the Commission that inspection of the relevant official record was fixed for 12.11.2020 vide orders dated 26.10.2020 but the respondent has refused the same by communicating through telephone that only appellant could inspect the official record not any of his representative. He also intimates the Commission that a letter has also been sent to the Commission vide letter 11.11.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

Sh. Kamalpreet Singh also intimates the Commission that afterwards, the respondent PIO has fixed another date to inspect the relevant official record i. e. today itself (25.01.2021). He further intimates the Commission that the appellant will visit the office of the respondent today i. e. 25.01.2021 to inspect the official record.

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION **RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH**

S/o Sh. Mansa Ram, 85 – G, Gobind Nagar,

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, State Transport Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director. State Transport Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)Appellant

ORDER

After examining the documents placed on record, it is emerges that on the last date of hearing, held on 26.10.2020, Sh. Kamalpreet Singh, appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Manpreet Singh and he (the appellant) through a letter dated 23.10.2020 has authorized Sh. Kamalpreet Singh to represent the case. It (letter dated 23.10.2020) is placed in the case-file.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to facilitate the appellant or his representative to inspect the relevant official record on the above said fixed date i. e. today 25.01.2021 and supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant or his representative after inspection, by the next date of hearing positively.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on next date of hearing, which would be held <u>through facility of Software</u> <u>'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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P. S. :

Sh. Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared for the respondent, after the hearing was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Ashok Kumar, H. No. 1289, Morni Wala Khuh, Derabassi, Distt. – Mohali - 140501(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Chief Engineer, KAD, Water Resource Management, Sector 18, Chandigarh(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director, Water Resource Department, Pb., (Water Cell), Sector 18, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2100 of 2020

Present : Sh. Ashok Kumar, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 13.03.2020. First appeal is dated 03.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.08.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.10.2020, the appellant stated that no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO. Sh. Amit Sahota, Executive Engineer, who appeared for the respondent PIO, sought an adjournment in this case. An opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request to him through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

Neither the respondent PIO nor his representative is present in today's hearing.

The respondent PIO has sent a reply vide letter no. 2011-14 dated 12.11.2020,

which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16206 dated 13.11.2020, showing that a reply has been sent to the appellant. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that a reply has been received from the respondent vide letter no. 2011-14 dated 12.11.2020, which is not relevant as he has demanded action taken report by Head Office on a complaint letter no. 20 dated 10.08.2020 alongwith a copy of note-sheet.

As the requisite information/reply has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 26.10.2020, <u>a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Chief Engineer, KAD, Water Resource Management, Sector 18, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.</u>

Appeal Case No. 2100 of 2020

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 <u>through facility of</u> <u>Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. <u>A copy of this</u> <u>order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

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Another opportunity is also given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request dated 13.03.2020, to him through registered post and send the same to the Commission with a copy of the postal receipt, by the next date of hearing.

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

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab Sukhwinder Singh S/o Sh. Banta Singh, Village – Dhupsari, P.O. - Govt. Polytechnic College, Tehsil – Batala, Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

Public Information Officer, O/o The Divisional Forest Officer, Gurdaspur (Punjab) Complainant

V/s

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 506 of 2020

Present :

ORDER

Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 15.01.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 04.08.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.10.2020, the complainant stated that no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO. Sh. Sulakhan Pal, Surveyor, stated that the requisite information was given to the complainant in another case i. e. C. C. 125 of 2019, which was disposed of by Ld. State Information Commissioner, Sh. Avtar Singh Kaler vide orders dated 24.04.2019. After going through the documents placed in the case-file, it is found that contents of the present RTI application filed in instant complaint case (i. e. C.C. 506 of 2020) and the RTI request filed in C. C. 125 of 2019, are not the same. Accordingly, an opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the complainant through RTI request to him through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO through letter no. 2780 dated 31.12.2020 (which was received by him on 08.01.2021) and through a letter dated 11.01.2021, he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied to the PIO concerned and sent a copy to the Commission also through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

Sh. Narinder Kumar, Statistical Assistant, who appeared on behalf of respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information, after removing the deficiencies (pointed out by the appellant) has already been supplied vide letter dated 22.01.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 3069 dated 22.01.2021, which was in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

As the information is sent to the appellant by the respondent PIO on 22.01.2021 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (sent vide letter dated 22.01.2021). 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, by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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

....Appellant

V/s

	i)	Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post)		O/o The Tehsildar,
		Khadoor Sahib,
		Distt Tarn Taran(Punjab)

	ii)	Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post)		O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
		Amritsar (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1078 of 2020

Present : Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.10.2020, Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate, who appeared for the appellant, stated that no information was supplied to the appellant, moreover, Sh. Kashmir Singh (the person, regarding whom the information was demanded) had filed forged documents to get appointment. After hearing the parties concerned and examining the documents placed in the case-file, it was found that information sought for by the appellant through RTI request in this case is in 'Larger Public Interest', hence directions were given to the concerned respondent PIO to supply the required information to the appellant as per his queries raised by him through RTI request,

Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Nirmal Singh, in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to the appellant as copies of Service-Book has been given but no other documents regarding educational certificates etc. as demanded through RTI request is attached with it.

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Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that available information i. e. copy of service-book has been given to the appellant . He also intimates the Commission that a reply, signed by Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib, has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1230 dated 13.11.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16620 dated 19.11.2020, intimating that available information i. e. copy of service-book has been given to the appellant and Sh. Kashmir Singh(regarding whom the information has been sought) was recruited through office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar. Further a reply has been received from office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar vide letter no. 1291 dated 13.11.2020, reporting that no personal file of Sh. Kashmir Singh(Retired) is available in the office record. It is taken on record.

As part of the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, hence, Public Information Officer office of office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar, be impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to file a reply, in writing, to the query/queries (whichever relates to office of Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar) raised by the appellant through his RTI request dated 06.06.2019 (copy attached). He/she (respondent-PIO concerned) is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u> to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request <u>through registered post.</u>

Further directions are given to the Public Information Officer of office of Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib to submit a point-wise reply in an affidavit, to the queries (whichever relates to office of Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib) raised by the appellant through *RTI request, specifically* mentioning that available information has been given to the appellant and rest of the information (mentioning particular query/queries), is/are not found available in the official record. If any official-record pertaining to the period regarding which the information has been sought, was weeded-out, a copy of order passed by the signing authority to destroy the record, be sent to the Commission with that affidavit, by the next date of hearing. He/she (respondent-PIO concerned) is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>. A copy of this order be sent to him <u>through registered post</u>.

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th March, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th January, 2021

Encl : RTI request

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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S/o Sh. Fakir C	hand,	
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Kapurthala Roa	ad,	
Kartarpur – 144	l801	
(Jalandhar)(Pu	njab)	Complainant
	V/s	
	Public Information Officer,	
(Regd. Post)	O/o The Managing Director,	
	Punjab State Seeds Corporation Limited,	
	'Kheti Bhawan' 4 th Floor, Phase – 6,	
Encl : RTI request	<u>&</u> S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali)(Punjab)	Respondents
orders dated	<u>28.10.2020</u> .	
	Complaint Case No. 525 of 2020	
Present :	Sh. Madan Lal, the complainant in person.	
	None on behalf of the respondent.	
ORDER		
	Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO We	bex Meetings'.
	The RTI request is dated 22.01.2019. The complaint has t	peen received in the

Commission on 11.08.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 28.10.2020, the complainant stated that no information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO. The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1634 dated 26.10.2020 had intimated the Commission that a reply was given to the complainant in another case i. e. C. C. 455 of 2019, which was disposed of by Ld. State Information Commissioner, Sh. Avtar Singh Kaler vide orders dated 09.10.2019. After going through the documents placed in the case-file, it was found that contents of the present RTI application filed in the instant complaint case (i. e. C.C. 525 of 2020) and the RTI request filed in C. C. 455 of 2019, are not the same. Accordingly, an opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the complainant through his RTI request to him through registered post with a copy to the Commission

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

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Punjab State Seeds Corporation Limited, S. A. S. Nagar nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, no reply has been sent by the respondent PIO to the Commission as well as to the appellant as directed vide orders dated 28.10.2020.

In view of the above, <u>a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is</u> <u>issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Punjab State Seeds Corporation</u> <u>Limited, S. A. S. Nagar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in</u> <u>supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.</u>

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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 <u>through facility of</u> <u>Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the complainant through his RTI request to him through registered post and send the same to the Commission with a copy of the postal receipt by the next date of hearing. <u>A copy this order alongwith orders dated 28.10.2020 be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post for reference</u>.

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

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Encl : <u>RTI request &</u> orders dated 28.10.2020

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O/o The Labour Commissioner, Phase – 10, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)Respondents Appeal Case No. 2253 of 2020

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

Present : Sh. Sahbaj Khan, 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 23.05.2020. First appeal is dated 22.06.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.08.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 28.10.2020, Sh. Chanchaldeep, Labour Enforcement Officer office of Assistant Labour Commissioner and Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Senior Assistant (HQ) office of Labour Commissioner, intimated that the RTI request of the appellant is addressed to Municipal Bhawan, Sector 68, Mohali and office of Labour Commissioner is situated at District Administrative Complex office of Deputy Commissioner, Sector 76, 4th Floor, Room No. 507, S. A. S. Nagar" and the appellant can visit the office to identify the required information. Nevertheless, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 29.10.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information. The appellant was also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO at the following address i. e. "Assistant Labour Commissioner, District Administrative Complex office of Deputy Commissioner, Sector 76, 4th Floor, Room No. 507, S. A. S. Nagar" and avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 29.10.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's

hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Sahbaj Khan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has visited the office of the respondent on the fixed date i. e. 29.10.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information. He also intimates the Commission that he has received a reply from the respondent vide letter no. 464 dated 29.10.2020 and sent a copy of the same to the Commission through an e-mail, showing that through RTI request, information demanded at point no. 01 is not available, information demanded at point no. 02 and 05 be treated as Nil and information demanded at point no. 03 and 04 does not relate with the office. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned either to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to represent this case in person on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', positively so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him (Sh. Chanchaldeep, Labour Enforcement Officer office of Assistant Labour Commissioner) through registered post.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th January, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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Ms. Tamanna, Advocate, District Courts, Bathinda (Punjab)

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 20 of 2020

V/s

Present : None on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Harivansh, Data Entry Operator, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 15.06.2019. First appeal is dated 02.08.2019. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 28.10.2020, Sh. Baljit Singh, Section Officer,

stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant. On that hearing, Sh. Gaurav Kumar Munjal (representative of the appellant) stated that only information at point no. 03 and 04 of the RTI request was supplied by the respondent PIO. Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 03.11.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to her. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to

point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to her, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Ms. Tamanna, Advocate, through a letter dated 23.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 23.01.20201, has intimated the Commission that she is unable to attend today's hearing and seeks an adjournment in this case. She also intimates that she visited the office of the respondent on 03.11.2020 but the concerned official, with whom the record is lying, had gone through a surgery. It is taken on record.

Sh. Harivansh, Data Entry Operator, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the inspection of official record could not be done on 03.11.2020 as the appellant visited the office in late hours and as the concerned official, with whom the relevant record is lying, was on leave as he had undergone through a surgery even then he visited the office till noon to comply with the directions given vide orders dated 28.10.2020 so that inspection of official record could be done.

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....Appellant

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 25.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the remaining information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 25.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the remaining information and also directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant, which would be identified by her after inspection.

If the appellant or his authorized representative would not visit the office of the respondent PIO on the fixed date i. e. 25.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to inspect the relevant official record, the case would be decided on merits.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the Information (which would be supplied to her after inspection), in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Date : 25th January, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Partie Information

... Appellant

... Respondents

Ravinder Kataria, # 64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar, Dugri Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

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

Appeal Case No. 1939 of 2019

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

<u>ORDER</u>

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

V/s

The RTI request is dated 28.01.2019. First appeal is dated 05.03.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.05.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 28.10.2020, Sh. Gurpreet Singh, Section Officer, stated that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 925 dated 06.10.2020, intimating that the information demanded by the appellant is voluminous in nature. Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 04.11.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the appellant, Sh.

Ravinder Kataria, through a letter, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 04.11.2020, has intimated the Commission that vide orders dated 28.10.2020, date of the inspection of the official record was fixed for 04.11.2020 and with the mutual consent of him (the appellant) and PIO, the date was fixed for 09.11.2020 instead of 04.11.2020. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the required information to the appellant by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned or it would be assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) Date : 25th January, 2021 State Information Commissioner Punjab <u>Note : Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '918782948'</u>



Rajinder Singh S/o Sh. Om Kumar,

V.P.O. – Kot-Fatuhi, Tehsil – Garhshankar, Dist. – Hoshiarpur - 144519(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Provincial Division, Sangrur(Punjab)

(Regd. Post)

Encl : RTI request

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2210 of 2020

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

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 20.05.2020. First appeal is dated 22.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.08.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Singh, through a letter dated 25.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far. It is taken on record.

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Provincial Division, Sangrur nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Pblic Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, P.W.D. (B & R), Provincial Division, Sangrur, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail imself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed <u>through facility of</u> <u>Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. <u>A copy of this</u> <u>order alongwith RTI request be sent to him through registered post</u>.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address and send a copy of the same alongwith a copy of postal receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Appeal Case No. 2210 of 2020

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'</u>.

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The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th January, 2021

Encl : RTI request

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



Sucha Singh S/o Sh. Dev Singh, Village – Dharar, Sub Tehsil – Jandiala Guru, Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

...Respondents

Public Information Officer, 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)

Appeal Case No. 3256 of 2020

V/s

Present : Sh. Kamal Sodhi, on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 21.01.2020. First appeal is dated 29.02.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.08.2020.

Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply 56 dated 06.01.2021, signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 822 dated 11.01.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information, after collecting the same from Office Kanungo, Khadoor Sahib, has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 06.01.2021. It is taken on record.

Sh. Kamal Sodhi, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Sucha Singh, in today's hearing, states that the information supplied is not as per queries raised by the appellant through request, moreover, whatever information has been supplied is not certified.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised through RTI request, by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information and also to point out deficiencies, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u>

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	Public Information Officer,	
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	Central Works Division 2,	
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O/o The Supe	rintending Engineer,	
Construction	Division (B & R),	
Amritsar (Pur	ljab)	Respondents
,	Appeal Case No. 3161 of 2020	•
Present :	None on behalf of the appellant.	

None on behalf of the appellant. None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 23.07.2020. First appeal is dated 05.09.2020. Second appeal has

been received in the Commission on 20.10.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Executive Engineer, Central Works Division 2,

(B & R), Amritsar nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

In view of the above, <u>a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to</u> <u>Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, Central Works Division 2, (B & R),</u> <u>Amritsar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to</u> <u>the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.</u>

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 <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO</u> <u>Webex Meetings'</u>, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. <u>A copy this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through</u> <u>registered post.</u>

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, 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. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed <u>through facility</u> of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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 Date : 25th January, 2021
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Gurmeet Singh S/o Sh. Surmukh Singh, Bhai Mastan Singh Nagar, SriMuktsar Sahib(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer, Central Works Division 2, (B & R), Amritsar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Construction Division (B & R), Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2686 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant. Sh. Rajinder Singh, Superintendent (Construction Division-II), on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 16.06.2020. First appeal is dated 28.07.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.09.2020.

Sh. Rajinder Singh, Superintendent (Construction Division-II), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a point-wise reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 18.01.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1618 dated 18.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1477 dated 21.01.2021. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh, through a letter dated 25.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he has received a reply vide latter no. 1617 dated 18.01.2021 from the respondent but it is not as per queries raised by him through request. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, 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 <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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....Appellant

Raj Kumar S/o Sh. Amarnath, 144, Sun City, Amloh Road, Khanna (Punjab)

Public Information Officer, O/o The Divisional Forest officer, Ludhiana(Punjab)

ORDER

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Conservator of Forests, Punjab, South Circle, Opp. Central Jail, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2373 of 2020

V/s

Present : Sh. Raj Kumar, the appellant in person.

Sh. Sukhpal Singh, Forest Range Officer, Samrala, on behalf of the respondent.

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

The RTI request is dated 12.06.2020. First appeal is dated 21.07.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.08.2020.

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

Sh. Sukhpal Singh, Forest Range Officer, who appeared on behalf of the

respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that efforts were made to contact the appellant so that inspection of the relevant official record could be done so that he could get the required information but despite making of lots of efforts, the appellant could not be contacted. He also intimates that a reply has also been sent to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 23.01.2021. It, is taken on record.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 09.02.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect relevant official record on 09.02.2021 at 11:00 A.M. to identify the required information and also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.

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

Sh. Sukhpal Singh, Forest Range Officer, Samrala, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the Information (which would be supplied to him after inspection), in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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	<u>Appeal Case No</u>	5. 3251 of 2020
Present :	Sh. Harbans Singh, the appellant in person.	
	None on behalf of the respondent.	
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<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 22.07.2020. First appeal is dated 04.09.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.10.2020.

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

Neither the respondent PIO of office of Sub Divisional Engineer, Construction Sub Division 1, (B & R),Sangrur nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

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 Sub Divisional Engineer, Construction Sub Division 1, B&R, Sangrur, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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 <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex</u> <u>Meetings'</u>, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. <u>A copy of this order alongwith RTI request be sent to him through registered post</u>.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and send a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, 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 <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sarabjit Singh S/o Sh. Gurdeep Singh, V.P.O. – Gumanpura, Teh. & Distt. - Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Divisional Forest officer, Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Conservator of Forests, Punjab, Bist Circle, Near Maqsudan Chowk, Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2959 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sarabjit Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Surjit Singh Sahota, Divisional Forest Officer, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 22.07.2020. First appeal is dated 04.09.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.10.2020.

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

Sh. Surjit Singh Sahota, Divisional Forest Officer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the information sought for by the appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh through his RTI request could not be supplied to him as part of the information demanded by him is not available in the official record and part of the information is not clear.

An opportunity is given the respondent-PIO concerned either to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request. If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send a reply, in writing, in an affidavit to the queries (regarding which information is not available) to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th January, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



Sarabjit Singh S/o Sh. Gurdeep Singh, V.P.O. – Gumanpura, Teh. & Distt. - Amritsar(Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Divisional Forest officer, Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Conservator of Forests, Punjab, Bist Circle, Near Maqsudan Chowk, Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2960 of 2020

V/s

Present : Sh. Sarabjit Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Surjit Singh Sahota, Divisional Forest Officer, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

Date : 25th January, 2021

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

The RTI request is dated 14.03.2020. First appeal is dated 08.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.10.2020.

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

Sh. Surjit Singh Sahota, Divisional Forest Officer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the information sought for by the appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh through his RTI request could not be supplied to him as part of the information demanded by him is not available in the official record and part of the information is not clear.

An opportunity is given the respondent-PIO concerned either to supply the

certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request. If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send a reply, in writing, in an affidavit to the queries (regarding which information is not available) to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



Baljeet Singh S/o Sh. Bachan Singh, 64 – H, B. R. S. Nagar, Ludhiana - 141012 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

O/o The Chairman, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post)

Encl : orders dated i) 03.02.2020 ii) & 26.11.2020

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2541 of 2019

Present : Sh. Baljeet Singh, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 14.03.2020. First appeal is dated 08.08.2020. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.10.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.11.2020,

- i) Last and final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the required information as per the queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request to him .
- ii) <u>A copy of the order was sent to Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh,</u> <u>through registered post to ensure compliance of the order dated 04.02.2020 passed by</u> <u>the Commission regarding penalty of Rs. 5000/-, which was imposed upon the</u> <u>concerned Public Information Officer of office of Improvement Trust, Ludhiana for</u> <u>willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and for not</u> <u>complying the order passed by the Commission vide orders dated 04.02.2020.</u>

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

Neither the respondent PIO 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 penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon him vide order dated 04.02.2020, has been deposited. Moreover, the requisite information has also not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 26.11.2020.

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Taking a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO and after seeing the conduct of the concerned respondent PIO, a show cause notice under Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act is issued to Ms. Kuljit Kaur, Executive Officer-cum-Public Information Officer office of Improvement Trust, Ludhiana, as to why disciplinary action be not recommended against her for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 04.02.2020 and 26.11.2020.

Final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the required information as per the queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request to him by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

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

A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 04.02.2020 and 26.11.2020 be sent to i) Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh and ii) Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, through registered post to ensure compliance of the order dated 04.02.2020 passed by the Commission regarding penalty of Rs. 5000/-, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Improvement Trust, Ludhiana and the above-announced order.

The case is <u>adjourned to 28th April, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing</u> <u>through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th January, 2021 (Sanjiv Garg) Punjab

i)	The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
(<u>Regd. Post</u>)	Deptt. of Local Govt.,
<u>Encl : orders dated i) 04.02.</u> 2020	Pb. Mini Sectt., Sector – 9,
<u>ii) & 26.11.2020</u>	^{Chandigarh}
II)	The Director,
(<u>Regd. Post</u>)	Local Government, Punjab,
<u>Encl : orders dated i) 04.02.</u> 2020	Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35,
<u>ii) & 26.11.2020</u>	^{Chandigarh}
iii) (Regd. Post) <u>Encl : orders dated i) 04.02.</u> 2020 <u>ii) & 26.11.2020</u>	Ms. Kuljit Kaur, Executive Officer-cum- Public Information Officer, O/o The Chairman, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana (Punjab)