



Satnam Singh S/o Sh. Karamjit Singh,  
Village – Bikrala, Tehsil – Sunam,  
Udham Singh Wala,  
Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal,  
Akal Degree College,  
Mastuana, Teh. & Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,  
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3492 of 2021

Present : 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 15.01.2021. First appeal is dated 31.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.08.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.01.2022 ;

- i) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the complete information or send a reply in an affidavit to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, a copy of this order alongwith a copy of the RTI request be sent to him (the respondent PIO) with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request 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 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.

Last opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative, on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 (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 :25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Harwinder Singh,  
H. No. 52, Professor Enclave,  
Opp. Punjabi University,  
Patiala – 147002(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,  
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,  
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3685 of 2021

Present : 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 24.03.2021. First appeal is dated 07.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.08.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.01.2022 ;

- i) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the complete information with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Harwinder Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the order dated 17.11.2021 passed by the Commission in the name of the Public Information Officer office of Director,Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb., S.A.S. Nagar is received back in the office of the Commission as 'undelivered' through Diary No. 28114 dated 15.12.2021. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, a copy of this order alongwith a copy of the RTI request be sent to him (the respondent PIO) with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information 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.

Last opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative, on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 (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 :25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Encl : RTI request

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Rajinder Goyal, Gen. Secretary,  
International Human Rights Association,  
Mata Modi Road,  
Sunam – 1487028,  
Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,  
Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,  
Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2246 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Hem Chand, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 05.10.2020. First appeal is dated 05.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.05.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.01.2022, ;

- i) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the complete information or send a reply in an affidavit to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Goyal, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Hem Chand, Senior Assistant, could not make himself audible to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the case.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 40 dated 18.02.2022 signed by Assistant Director(Colleges), Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 3616 dated 22.02.2022, has intimated the Commission that the information sought for by the appellant through his RTI request could not be supplied to him as it is 'third party' information and the appellant was duly informed about this fact vide letter no. 39 dated 18.02.2022, appended to which is letters of various Institute/Colleges i. e. i) signed by Principal, Rehbar Institute of Education, Bhiwanigarh (Sangrur) vide no. 9618 dated 04.02.2022 ; ii) signed by Principal, New Universal College of Education vide no. 172 dated 09.02.2022 ; and iii) signed by Principal, Khalsa College of Education, Amritsar vide no. 9618 dated 04.02.2022, through which they have refused to supply any kind of information of Institute. It, alongwith, annexure, is taken on record.

After going through the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, it is found that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request is not 'third party' information, hence, directions are hereby given to the respondent PIO either to supply the required information demanded by the appellant through RTI request or file a reply, in writing, proving that disclosure of the information (demanded through RTI request) could harm the interests of such third party/parties, by the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative, on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 (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 :25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Gurpreet Singh,  
H. No. 364 / 30 – D,  
New Aatam Nagar,  
City Jagraon,  
Distt. – Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,  
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

Encl :letter dated 03.03.2022

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o (The Director,  
Public Instructions (Colleges) Pb.,  
Vidya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,  
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2406 of 2021

Present : Sh. Gurpreet 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 07.11.2020. First appeal is dated 23.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.05.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.01.2022 ;

- i) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the complete information with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) 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 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.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 34181 dated 08.02.2022 signed by Assistant Director(Grant – 2)-cum-PIO , Punjab, S. A. S.Nagar, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 3264 dated 15.02.2022, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant through registered post on 17.11.2021 and the appellant has not pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him till date.

The appellant, Sh. Gurpreet Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has pointed out deficiencies in the 'supplied information' through a letter dated 03.03.2022 and sent the same to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission but no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date. It (letter dated 03.03.2022 ) has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 4358 dated 03.03.2002, which is taken on record.

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As the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 25.01.2022, 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 Director, Public Instructions (Colleges) Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar, 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.

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 through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', 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 alongwith a copy of letter dated 03.03.2022 sent by the appellant be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which has been pointed out by the appellant through letter Dated 03.03.2022, to him by registered post before 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.

The case is adjourned to 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 (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 :25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

Encl :letter dated 03.03.2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Ashok Kumar Watts  
S/o Sh. Des Raj,  
H. No. B-V-1534, Street – 01,  
Lajpat Nagar,  
Abohar,  
Distt. – Fazilka-152116(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Secretary to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
(L G – 3 Branch), Municipal Bhawan,  
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

Encl:RTI request

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5148 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, 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 17.08.2021. First appeal is dated 20.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.11.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.01.2022 ;

- i) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the complete information with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent PIO 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 even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 25.01.2022. 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 Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government (L G – 3 Branch), 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.

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 through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', 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 the RTI request be sent to him alongwith this order through registered post for his ready reference.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send a reply in an affidavit, to the particular query/queries through registered post to the appellant with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he 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.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be present with the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

Encl:RTI request

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Ashok Kumar Watts  
S/o Sh. Des Raj,  
H. No. B-V-1534, Street – 01,  
Lajpat Nagar,  
Abohar, Distt. – Fazilka-152116(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Secretary to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
(L G – 3 Branch), Municipal Bhawan,  
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government. of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Local Government,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 5142 of 2021**

Present : Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, 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 26.07.2021. First appeal is dated 31.08.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.11.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.01.2022 ;

- i) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the complete information with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent PIO 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 even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 25.01.2022. 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 Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government (L G – 3 Branch), 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.

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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 through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', 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 the RTI request be sent to him alongwith this order through registered post for his ready reference.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send a reply, in an affidavit, to the particular query/queries through registered post to the appellant with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he 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.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be present with the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

Encl:RTI request

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Jaswinder Singh,  
V.P.O. – Sidhpur Kalan,  
Tehsil – Khamano,  
Distt. – Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,  
Sub Division – 09,  
S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,  
Sub Division – 03,  
S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 5125 of 2021

Present : Sh. Kulwinder Singh on behalf of the appellant.  
i) Ms. Simran Kaur, Sub Divisional Engineer ;  
ii) Sh. Manbir Singh Bath, Advocate, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 30.06.2021. First appeal is dated Nil. Second appeal has  
been received in the Commission on 11.11.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.01.2022 ;

- i) Sh. Dilpreet Singh, Advocate (representative of the appellant) stated that despite the fact that Rs. 2960/- was deposited as required by the appellant for getting the information but till date no information has been given to him.
- ii) None was present for the respondent and a show-cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO under provisions of the RTI Act.

Ms. Simran Kaur, Sub Divisional Engineer and Sh. Manbir Singh Bath, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, state that the requisite information has been sent to the appellant, which has been received back as undelivered in the office. supplied information/ annexure with a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

Sh. Kulwinder Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Jaswinder Singh, appeared in today's hearing, requests that a date be fixed so that the required information could be collected by the appellant.

Nevertheless, both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that the required information could be handed over to the appellant.

The case is adjourned to 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Rahul Gupta  
S/o Sh. Dharampal,  
H. No. 170, Street – 05,  
Mohalla Gobindpura,  
Jagraon, Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

(Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Jagraon, Distt. -Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,  
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 2132 of 2021**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Hira Singh, Clerk office of Executive Officer Nagar Council, Jagraon, on behalf of the respondent and none appeared from office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.

#### **ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 13.02.2021. First appeal is dated 16.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.05.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.02.2022 ;

- i) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 46235 dated 25.11.2021 signed by Chief Engineer (Nagar Councils/Nagar Panchayats) office of Director, Local Government, had intimated the Commission that information demanded through RTI request relates with office of Nagar Council, Jagraon.
- ii) Accordingly, PIO office of Executive Officer Nagar Council, Jagraon, was impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions either to supply the required information or send a reply to the query/queries (whichever relates to office of Nagar Council, Jagraon) raised by the appellant through his RTI request (copy attached) to him with a copy to the Commission.

None came present from office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Sh. Hira Singh, Clerk office of Executive Officer Nagar Council, Jagraon, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the appellant was advised to visit the office to identify the required information but he did not visit the office till date.

The appellant, Sh. Rahul Gupta, is not present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 25.05.2022 at 12:00 noon to identify the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 25.05.2022 at 12:00 and supply the required information to the appellant ( which would be identified by him after inspection) with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also 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 or the case would be decided on merits..

As in the RTI request is addressed to PIO office of Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, hence, a copy of this order be sent to him through registered post with the directions to ensure presence of the concerned PIO to clear the facts of this case.

The concerned parties i. e. i) the appellant and PIOs of office of (ii) Executive Officer Nagar Council, Jagraon and iii) Director, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, are directed to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 (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 :25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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### Appeal Case No. 4037 of 2020

Ajit Singh Talwandi,  
 Village – Nikku Chakk,  
 P. O. – Hajipur, Tehsil – Mukerian,  
 Distt. – Hoshiarpur – 144221 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,  
 O/o The Director,  
 Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,  
 P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68,  
 S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 4038 of 2020

Ajit Singh Talwandi,  
 Village – Nikku Chakk,  
 P. O. – Hajipur, Tehsil – Mukerian,  
 Distt. – Hoshiarpur – 144221 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,  
 O/o The District Edu. Officer (Elem.) Pb.,  
 Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 4069 of 2020

Ajit Singh Talwandi,  
 Village – Nikku Chakk,  
 P. O. – Hajipur, Tehsil – Mukerian,  
 Distt. – Hoshiarpur – 144221 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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Public Information Officer,  
 O/o The Director,  
 Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,  
 P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68,  
 S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,  
 O/o The Director,  
 Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,  
 P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68,  
 S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

- i) Appeal Case No. 4037 of 2020
- ii) Appeal Case No. 4038 of 2020
- iii) Appeal Case No. 4069 of 2020

Present : Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi, the appellant in person.  
 Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o D. E. O., Hoshiarpur, on behalf of the respondent and none appeared from office of Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb., S.A.S. Nagar.

### ORDER

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

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.02.2022 ;

- i) The appellant through a telephonic communication, intimated the Commission that he has undergone the operation of his eye and sought an adjournment in the above-mentioned appeal-cases.

- ii) Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO office of District Edu. Officer (Elem.), Hoshiarpur, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant time and again through letters dated 14.06.2020, 06.01.2021, 04.03.2021, moreover, a fresh enquiry was also made and report dated 07.06.2021 was sent to the appellant vide letters dated 08.06.2021, 21.06.2021 and 01.09.2021.
- iii) As the appellant only intimated about his non-availability but not cleared the fact whether he received the information or not, hence, another opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and also advised 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.

None came present from office of Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb., S.A.S. Nagar.

Sh. Satish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO office of District Edu. Officer (Elem.), Hoshiarpur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant time and again through letters dated 14.06.2020, 06.01.2021, 04.03.2021, moreover, a fresh enquiry was also made and report dated 07.06.2021 was sent to the appellant vide letters dated 08.06.2021, 21.06.2021 and 01.09.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Ajit Singh Talwandi, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and whatever information has been given to him is not legible.

As in Cases i. e. A. C. 4037 and A. C. 4069 of 2020 (as above) the RTI requests are addressed to PIO office of Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb., S.A.S. Nagar, hence, a copy of this order be sent to him through registered post with the directions to ensure presence of the concerned PIO to clear the facts of this case.

The concerned parties i. e. i) the appellant and PIOs of office of (ii) District Edu. Officer (Elem.), Hoshiarpur and iii) Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb., S.A.S. Nagar, are directed to be present with the information (already supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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