



Arvinder pal Singh
S/o Sh. Pritam Singh,
H. No. 32, Gurjivan Vihar,
Dhakauli,
Zirakpur, Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board,
Circle No. -1,
Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board,
Circle No. -1,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5301 of 2021

Present : Sh. Arvinder pal Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Ashiwini Kumar, Executive Engineer, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 28.06.2021. First appeal is dated 06/08.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.11.2021.

Sh. Ashiwini Kumar, Executive Engineer, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 65 dated 19.04.2022 a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2173 dated 15.07.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 15850 dated 19.07.2022 . It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 11th October, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Nidhan Singh
S/o Late Sh. Dass Singh,
Village – Todarwal,
P. O. - Baberpur Police Station,
Bhadson, Tehsil- Nabha,
Distt. – Patiala - 147201 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Sangrur(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Malerkotla (Punjab)
- iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Naib Tehsildar,
Amargarh,
Distt. - Malerkotla (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Patiala Division,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2441 of 2021

Present : Sh. Raj Singh on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Khuswinder Kumar, Naib Tehsildar, Amargarh, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 09.02.2021. First appeal is dated 15.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.05.2021.

Sh. Khuswinder Kumar, Naib Tehsildar, Amargarh, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

Sh. Raj Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Nidhan Singh, in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to the appellant by the respondent PIO till date.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining 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 remaining information or not.

The case is adjourned to 11th October, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

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Date : 25th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Bhaskra Nand(Retd. Junior Asstt.)
S/o Sh. Mahal Nand,
H. No. B-XIV/1622.
Sekha Road, Gali No. 04,
Barnala, Teh. & Distt. - Barnala (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council, Barnala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2540 of 2021

Present : Sh. Bhaskara Nand, 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 24.02.2021. First appeal is dated 23.04.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.05.2021.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 669 dated 22.09.2021 signed by Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Barnala, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 668 dated 22.09.2021. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information is placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Bhaskara Nand, who appeared in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-mentioned information till date.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send the information again to the appellant with an intimation to the Commission.

An opportunity is 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 by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 11th October, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
Ward No.18, Street No.2,
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,
Khanna - 141401, District Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Khanna(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3253 of 2018

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, 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 28.06.2018. First appeal is dated 19.08.2018. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.09.2018.
The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in
today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent time and again but complete
information has not 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, he (the
respondent PIO) has not sent any document showing that the information has been supplied to
the appellant.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause
notice was issued vide orders dated 27.09.2021 with the directions to supply the information but
the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker
till date, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the
information-seeker.

For holding guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI
Act and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under
Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) is
imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council,
Khanna. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab Government under the
head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services
60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission on the next
date of hearing.

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Due to evasive attitude of the respondent PIO concerned, the information-seeker has suffered detriments on account of not getting the complete information and hence a compensation of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is awarded to the appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia. The compensation shall be paid by public authority concerned by way of crossed cheque/Demand Draft in the name of Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia. The crossed cheque/Demand Draft shall be made from the bank account of public authority concerned and not from the individual official.

The respondent PIO is also directed to send a copy of the cheque/Demand Draft to the Commission on the next date of hearing to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to file a reply to the 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 in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send/file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, mentioning the reasons whether relevant official record is missing, not maintained or not available in the official record and in whose custody the relevant office-record was lying, when the RTI application was moved by the appellant by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent to the Director, Local Government, Punjab through registered post to ensure compliance of the above said order .

The case is adjourned to 11th October, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th July, 2022

(Regd. Post)

The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Balbir Singh S/o Sh. Man Singh,
Village – Ramgarh,
Teh. & Distt. - Patiala(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Land Acquisition Collector,
(Building and Roads),
668-A, Model Town,
Jalandhar(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 621 of 2020

Present : Sh. Abhinav Sharma, Advocate, on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Santokh Singh, Stenographer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 09.06.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 07.09.2020.

Sh. Abhinav Sharma, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the complainant, Sh. Balbir Singh in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to the complainant by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Santokh Singh, Stenographer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the RTI request of the complainant is addressed to Land Acquisition Collector (Buildings and Roads), Jalandhar, which was abolished by Government of Punjab vide Office order 1/141117/1-11 dated 08.02.2021 and all the official record was sent to the office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Patiala and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 109 dated 17.03.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 6170 dated 25.03.2022. It, alongwith a copy of office-order is taken on record.

Heard the parties.

As the relevant official record relating to information demanded by the complainant through RTI request, is in the office of relates with office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Patiala, hence, Public Information Officer office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Patiala be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to file a reply, in writing, to the queries raised by him through RTI request and send the same to the complainant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

With the above observations, the order dated 03.01.2022, through which the penalty was imposed upon the concerned PIO office of Public Information Officer of office of Land Acquisition Collector, (Building and Roads), is hereby withdrawn.

The case is adjourned to 11th October, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Jagdish Kumar,
Ward No.03, Street – 09,
(Raman Cinema Backside),
Mansa(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sanitation,
Division – 02, Metro Road,
Near Pratap Chowk, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
and Sanitation Circle,
Club Road, Near Old Courts,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2938 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 21.09.2020. First appeal is dated 28.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.06.2021.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Jagdish Kumar nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability.

The respondent PIO has not sent any forwarding letter (if the information has been sent to the appellant), moreover, the appellant has not sent any intimation whether he received the information or not.

Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 11th October, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Jagdish Kumar,
Ward No.03, Street – 09,
(Raman Cinema Backside),
Mansa(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sanitation,
Division – 02, Metro Road,
Near Pratap Chowk, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
and Sanitation Circle,
Club Road, Near Old Courts,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2981 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 30.09.2020. First appeal is dated 28.12.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.06.2021.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Jagdish Kumar nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability.

The respondent PIO has not sent any forwarding letter (if the information has been sent to the appellant), moreover, the appellant has not sent any intimation whether he received the information or not.

Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 11th October, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt. – Ludhiana -141101(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government. of Punjab,
Department of Personnel (Finance)
O & M Branch,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 861 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, the appellant in person.
Sh. Jasbir Singh, Superintendent (LG-III Branch) , on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 14.03.2020. First appeal is dated 20.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.02.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, could not make himself audible to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the case.

Sh. Jasbir Singh, Superintendent (LG-III Branch) could not make himself audible to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the case.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 11th October, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Surjit Singh
S/o Sh. Gokul Singh,
V.P.O. – Jarg, Tehsil – Payal,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Doraha, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5150 of 2021

Present : Sh. Surjit Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Arshdeep Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat – Jarg, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 13.08.2021. First appeal is dated 27.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.11.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Surjit Singh, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Arshdeep Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat – Jarg, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that he has joined recently and information would be given to the appellant positively and seeks an adjournment in this case.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information as per queries raised by him through RTI request with fifteen days from today 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 by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 11th October, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Baldev Singh S/o Sh. Baaz Singh,
Village – Sathiaali, P. O. – Nainkot,
Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer ,
Kahnuwan, Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

Encl: RTI Request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer , Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 505 of 2022

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

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 06.08.2021. First appeal is dated 23.09.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.01.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Baldev Singh, 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, a show-
cause notice was issued vide orders dated 13.06.2022 with the directions to the concerned PIO to
attend the hearing but he did not attend the hearing, moreover, he has also not sent any
document, showing that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant, which
reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker
under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is
imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of Block Development and
Panchayat Officer , Kahnuwan, Distt. - Gurdaspur. A copy of this order be sent to him through
registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head	.. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head	.. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head	.. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head	.. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head	.. 0070 Other Administrative Services
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified
copies of the required information to the appellant or send a reply to the queries raised by the
appellant through his RTI request with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

The case is adjourned to 11th October, 2022 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 25th July, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl: RTI Request