



Manjit Singh S/o Sh. Santa Singh,
H. No. 10330, Street No. 03,
Narang Colony, Near Gurmukh Dholi,
SriMuktsar Sahib - 152026 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
and Sewerage Board,
Division No. -1, Patiala (Punjab)

Encl:RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
and Sewerage Circle,
Circle Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2019 of 2021

Present : Sh. Manjit 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 28.01.2021. First appeal is dated 12.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.04.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit 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 nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

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 Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Division No. -1, Patiala, 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 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 be sent to him through registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 10th November, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 25th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl:RTI request

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Tejinder Singh, Advocate,
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur - 144410 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

ii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

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. 2061 of 2021

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate , the appellant in person.
Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner O/o Chief Town Planner of Director Local
Government, Punjab , on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 21.11.2020. First appeal is dated 29.12.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.04.2021.

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

Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner who appeared on behalf of Chief Town
Planner of office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, in today's hearing, states that available
information has already been supplied to the appellant and remaining information is regarding
encroachment on a land situated at Sherpur Kalan, Ludhiana, which relates with office of
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and hence, RTI request of the appellant has been transferred
vide letter no. 3676-77 dated 28.12.2020 to Public Information Officer office of Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act with an intimation to the
appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission
vide letter no. 2957 dated 25.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-
mail. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

As part information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, hence, Public Information Officer office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana 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 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. He is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

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

The case is adjourned to 17th November, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 25th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : RTI request

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Sarabjit Singh Gill,
H. No. 60-35-P-376/1,
Street – 08, Maha Singh Nagar,
P. O. – Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana - 141014 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
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. 2067 of 2021

Present : Sh. Gurmej Lal on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner O/o Chief Town Planner of
Director Local Government, Punjab,;
ii) Ms. Kashish Garg, Building Inspector-cum-APIO, O/o Municipal
Corporation, Zone – C, Ludhiana, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 05.02.2021. First appeal is dated 06.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.04.2021.

Sh. Gurmej Lal, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh Gill, in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO so far.

Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner who appeared on behalf of Chief Town Planner of office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, in today's hearing, states that the information demanded through RTI request is regarding connections of water supply and sewerage and street lights to illegal colonies in Ludhiana, which relates with office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and hence, RTI request of the appellant has been transferred vide letter no. 1569 dated 30.04.2021 to Public Information Officer office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act with an intimation to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2504 dated 26.07.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16681 dated 28.07.2021. It is taken on record.

Ms. Kashish Garg, Building Inspector-cum-APIO who appeared on behalf of PIO-cum- Assistant Town Planner of office of Municipal Corporation, Zone – C, Ludhiana, in today's hearing, states that the information demanded through RTI request relates with O & M Cell and Light Branch of Zones – A, B, C and D of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and the appellant also gives in writing that the information demanded by him relates with O & M Cell and Light Branch of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. She also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 835 dated 24.08.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

As information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of O & M Cell and Light Branch of different Zones of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, hence, a copy of this order be sent through registered post to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana with the advice to direct the concerned PIO/PIOs of concerned branches and Zones of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana 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 and to ensure presence of concerned PIO/PIOs on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

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

The case is adjourned to 17th November, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 25th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

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Sarabjit Singh Gill,
H. No. 60-35-P-376/1,
Street – 08, Maha Singh Nagar,
P. O. – Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana - 141014 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
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. 2068 of 2021

Present : Sh. Gurmej Lal 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 05.02.2021. First appeal is dated 06.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.04.2021.

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

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. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of five months.

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 Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government, Chandigarh, 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 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 be sent to him through registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 17th November, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 25th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl:RTI request

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Ms. Sheenu
W/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar,
Flat No. C – 4, Marvel Homes,
Barewal Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Town Planner
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2082 of 2021

Present : Sh. Amit Kumar on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 01.02.2021. First appeal is dated 03.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.04.2021.

Sh. Amit Kumar, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Ms. Sheenu in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO so far.

Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, states that available information at point no. 01, 03 and 08 of the RTI request has already been supplied to the appellant and remaining information at point no. 02, 04, 05, 06, 07 and 09 relates with office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and hence, RTI request of the appellant was transferred to Public Information Officer office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act with an intimation to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2545 dated 27.07.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16678 dated 28.07.2021. It is taken on record.

After examining the letter no. 2545 dated 27.07.2021 placed in the case-file, it emerges that RTI request of the appellant was not transferred to Public Information Officer office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana within stipulated time, moreover, Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner also could not send any letter, showing that RTI request of the appellant was transferred within stipulated time, hence directions are hereby given to the PIO of office of Chief Town Planner to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, after collecting the same from the concerned office/official, as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner is also directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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

The case is adjourned to 17th November, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 25th August, 2021

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

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Satnam Singh Randhawa,
S.C.O. 88, District Shopping Centre,
Ranjit Avenue,
AMRITSAR (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board,
Division – 02,
HYDE Market, Near National Shopping Complex
Amritsar (Punjab)

Encl:RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board,
Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2089 of 2021

Present : Sh. Satnam Singh Randhawa, 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 14.08.2020. First appeal is dated 28.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.04.2021.

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the notice of hearing issued by the Commission vide letter dated 18.06.2021 in the name of the Public Information Officer office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Amritsar is received back in the office of the Commission as 'undelivered' through Diary No. 14330 dated 01.07.2021. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, a copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO alongwith a copy of RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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

The case is adjourned to 10th November, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 25th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl:RTI request

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

....Appellant

V/s

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

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. 2129 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rahul Gupta the appellant in person.
Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner O/o Chief Town Planner of Director Local Government, Punjab, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 01.02.2021. First appeal is dated 16.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.05.2021.

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

Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner who appeared on behalf of Chief Town Planner of office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, in today's hearing, states that the information demanded through RTI request relates with office of Nagar Council, Jagraon and hence, RTI request of the appellant was transferred to Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act with an intimation to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2428 dated 20.07.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 18438 dated 19.08.2021. It is taken on record.

After examining the letter no. 2428 dated 20.07.2021 placed in the case-file, it reflects that RTI request of the appellant was not transferred to Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon within stipulated time, hence direction are hereby given to the PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, after collecting the same from the concerned office, as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, 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. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 17th November, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 25th August, 2021

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

Encl:RTI request

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 : Sh. Rahul Gupta, 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 13.02.2021. First appeal is dated 16.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.05.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Rahul Gupta, 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 nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of five months.

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, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, 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 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 be sent to him through registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 17th November, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 25th August, 2021

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl:RTI request

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Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
P.O. Ramgarh,
District – Ludhiana - 141123(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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. 2133 of 2021

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant (Municipal Services Cell), for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 24.12.2020. First appeal is dated 27.01.2021. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.05.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir 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. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant (Municipal Services Cell), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant has demanded an status report on a letter no 34991 dated 31.07.2019, which is not found traceable in the official record and presently, after making lots of efforts, a movement register has been found, through which, the related case-file would probably be traced. He also requests for some time so that more efforts could be put to trace out the relevant official record and the required information could be supplied to the appellant and seeks an adjournment in this case.

Nevertheless, the request is granted and another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information as per queries raised through RTI request, to the appellant through registered post or e-mail, with a copy to the Commission.

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

The case is adjourned to 10th November, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
H. No. 60-35-P-376-1,
Street – 08, Maha Singh Nagar,
P. O. - Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

ii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

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. 2140 of 2021

Present : Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, the appellant in person.
Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner O/o Chief Town Planner of Director Local Government, Punjab, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 01.02.2021. First appeal is dated 02.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.

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

Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner who appeared on behalf of Chief Town Planner of office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, in today's hearing, states that the RTI request of the appellant has been received in the Branch on 10.02.2021 and as the information demanded through RTI request relates with office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, the RTI request of the appellant was transferred to Public Information Officer office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana vide letter no. 1119 dated 23.03.2021 under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act with an intimation to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2570 dated 28.07.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 17345 dated 05.08.2021. It is taken on record.

As the required information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, hence, Public Information Officer office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana 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 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. He is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

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

The case is adjourned to 17th November, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 25th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : RTI request

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Rajesh Aggarwal
S/o Sh. Ram Roop,
Sunam, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)
V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive officer,
Nagar Council,
Sunam, Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies, Pb.,
Mini Secretariat, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2142 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Anil Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.01.2021. First appeal is dated 24.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal is not present in today's hearing

Sh. Anil Kumar, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 2116 dated 16.03.2021, intimating him that available information at point no. 02 of the RTI request has been given and information at point no. 01 of the RTI request is not available in the office record.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a written reply, stating that the required information(mentioning particular query/queries raised through RTI request,) is not available in the official record or has gone missing, mentioning the reasons whether official record is missing or destroyed or copy of Office-order (if destruction of record has been done). He is also directed to send the above-mentioned reply to the appellant as well as to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information already supplied to him at point no. 02 of the RTI request, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to confirm whether he has received the reply in connection with point no. 01 of the RTI request from the respondent and also advised to represent this case on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 10th November, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 25th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Rajesh Aggarwal
S/o Sh. Ram Roop,
Sunam, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Vigilance Officer
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- (Regd. Post) ii) The Superintendent-cum-PIO,
O/o The Secretary to Government. of Punjab,
LG – III Branch ,
Deptt. of Local Government,
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. 2143 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rajeev Sagar, Superintendent-cum-PIO O/o C. V. O.(Vigilance Cell), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 01.01.2021. First appeal is dated 08.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.
The appellant, Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Rajeev Sagar, Superintendent-cum-PIO office of C. V. O.(Vigilance Cell) who appeared in today's hearing, states that the RTI request of the appellant is regarding a compliant and the concerned case-file is with LG – III Branch. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2422 dated 07.07.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 15760 dated 16.07.2021. It is taken on record.

As the required information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with LG – III Branch, hence, a copy of this order be sent to PIO-cum-Superintendent, LG – III Branch alongwith RTI request through registered post 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. He is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

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 on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex.

The case is adjourned to 10th November, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 25th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Rajinder Kumar
S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,
Ward – 02, Supreme Enclave,
Near Vishavkarma Bhawan,
Link Road, Mansa - 151505(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

Encl:RTI request

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. 2144 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rajinder Kumar, 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 30.01.2021. First appeal is dated 09.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar, 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 nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

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, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, 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 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 be sent to him through registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 15th November, 2021 (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 : 25th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl:RTI request

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Amritpal Singh S/o Sh. Avtar Singh,
H. No. 263-A, Street – 08,
Hussainpura East,
Amritsar (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
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. 2148 of 2021

Present : Sh. Amritpal Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Maanveer Singh Sidhu, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 21.01.2021. First appeal is dated 22.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.

Sh. Maanveer Singh Sidhu, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the certified copies of the requisite information of eight hundred and twenty seven pages has been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 978 dated 24.08.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply, alongwith a copy of supplied information, has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 979 dated 24.08.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 18977 dated 24.08.2021. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the information at point no. 01 of the RTI request and information at point no. 02 of the RTI request has not been received till date.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant vide letter dated 24.08.2021 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information of 827, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 24.08.2021 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 case is adjourned to 15th November, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 25th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Lajpat Rai Garg S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Romana Street,
Jaitho, Tehsil – Jaitho,
District – Faridkot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

Encl:RTI request

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. 2153 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rajinder Kumar, 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 29.01.2021. First appeal is dated 06.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.05.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, who appeared in person in today's hearing, could not make himself audible during the proceedings of the instant appeal case due to technical fault in connection of network but through telephonic communication, he has intimated the Commission that that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

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. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

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, Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, 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 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 be sent to him through registered post.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 10th November, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 25th August, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
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