

Jagjit Singh S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
Aman Nagar, Street – 03,
Backside Greenland School,
Near Jalandhar Byepass, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Zone – A, Ludhiana(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Zone – D, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 312 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jagjit Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Harjit Singh, Draftsman, on behalf of the respondent..

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 29.03.2019. First appeal is dated 01.05.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 13.01.2021, an opportunity was given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 14.01.2021 to collect the remaining information from the concerned Zone. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant during his visit to the office. If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) would file a reply, in writing, to the Commission with a copy to the appellant. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information/reply or not.

Sh. Harjit Singh, Draftsman, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 15 dated 12.04.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8622 dated 16.04.2021, intimating the Commission that available information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 183 dated 14.10.2020. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received incomplete information.

After going over the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request and the response given by the respondent PIO concerned, it emerges that available information has been sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant in the instant appeal case and no cause of action is left in this case, hence, the show-cause issued to the concerned respondent PIO vide orders dated 17.06.2020 is dropped and the case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :26th April, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Jagjit Singh S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
Aman Nagar, Street – 03,
Backside Greenland School,
Near Jalandhar Bypass, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 291 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jagjit Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Harjit Singh, Draftsman, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 12.10.2019. First appeal is dated 14.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 13.01.2021, the appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 14.01.2021 to collect the required information. The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information to the appellant during his visit to office. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Harjit Singh, Draftsman, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 16 dated 12.04.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8623 dated 16.04.2021, intimating the Commission that complete information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 181 dated 14.10.2020. On that reply, the appellant has put his signatures on 15.01.2021 as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the required information.

Since complete information has already been sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant in the instant appeal case and no cause of action is left in this case, hence, the show-cause issued to the concerned respondent PIO vide orders dated 17.06.2020 is **dropped** and the case is announced as **disposed of and closed**.

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Ms. Swaranjeet Kaur
W/o Sh. Hukam Singh,
Village - Bhaowal, P.O.-Bharatgarh,
Tehsil & Distt Ropar-140114(Punjab)

...Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Asstt. Labour Commissioner
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)
(Workman Compensation Commission),
DC Office Complex, 4th Floor, Sector-76
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellant Authority,
O/o The Workman Compensation Court, Ropar
Through - The Asstt. Labour Commissioner
(Workman Compensation Commission),
DC Office Complex, 4th Floor, Sector-76
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1252 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner-cum-PIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.12.2016. First appeal is dated 08.08.2017. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.04.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 13.01.2021, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 19.10.2020 passed by the Commission by depositing the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only), in the Treasury of Punjab Government and a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission.

The appellant, Ms. Swaranjeet Kaur is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, complete information has already been supplied to the appellant. He also orally explains that he could not attend the hearing fixed on 19.10.2020 as he was occupied in current activities i. e. to provide essentials to the people suffering from Covid-19 / Migrant Labourers, hence, he could not intimate the Commission for his non-availability during the hearing on 19.10.2020. He also requests that the order dated 19.10.2020 (through which penalty was imposed) be reviewed as there is no malafide intention on his part for delay in supplying the requisite information to the appellant and also for non-appearance before the Commission on 19.10.2020 during the proceeding of the instant appeal-case.

He (Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh) also intimates the Commission that a reply, in writing, has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1636 dated 22.04.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 23.04.2021, to review the orders dated 19.10.2020, passed by the Commission. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it emerges that complete information has already been supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO.

After considering the oral submission (made by Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh during the proceeding of the instant appeal-case) and written submission dated 22.04.2021 sent by him (Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh), it is found that the explanation given by him is genuine and facts of the instant appeal case deserve reconsideration in the interest of justice.

Taking a lenient view and having made the fair and judicious evaluation of the facts of the instant appeal case, it is found that the reasons given by the respondent PIO concerned is genuine and in this particular case, he (PIO concerned) has succeeded in convincing the Bench that there is no malafide intention on his part in causing the delay in supplying the requisite information to the information seeker as well as appearing before the Commission.

Hence, penalty imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 19.10.2020 is waived off.

As no cause of action is left in this case, the case is announced as disposed of and closed .

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 26th April, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Surinder Mahajan,
Lane No. 2, Rampura,
Near SDM Residence, Pathankot (Punjab)

V/s

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 843 of 2019

Present : Sh. Surinder Mahajan, 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 11.10.2018. First appeal is dated 04.11.2018. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.02.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 13.01.2021, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 18.11.2020 passed by the Commission by depositing the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only), in the Treasury of Punjab Government and a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Surinder Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the required information.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 82 dated 22.02.2021 signed by PIO-cum-District Revenue Officer, Pathankot, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 4110 dated 22.02.2021, has intimated the Commission that penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer vide order dated 13.01.2021 has been deposited, appended to which is a copy of challan receipt dated 18.01.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Since the orders passed by the Commission has been complied with, hence, the case is announce as disposed of and closed.

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Nakul Kakkar,
H. No. 24, Bank Colony,
Ferozepur City(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Engineer,
P. W. D. (B & R), Provincial Block No. – 1,
Block- C, Patiala(Punjab)

Encl : Reply dated 07.04.2021

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P. W. D. (B & R),
Provincial Division – 1, Patiala(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 678 of 2020

Present : Sh. Inder Mohan 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 22.07.2019. First appeal is dated 03.09.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.01.2021,

- i) The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 11163 dated 14.12.2020 had intimated the Commission that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) Sh. Inder Mohan (representative of the appellant) intimated the Commission that incomplete information was supplied as information regarding present designation of Sh. Parveen Kumar Saini, demanded at point no. 03 of the RTI request was not provided.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information at point no. 03 of the RTI request, to the appellant through e-mail or registered post with a copy to the Commission.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 250 dated 07.04.2021 signed by Executive Engineer, P. W. D. (B & R), Provincial Division – 1, Patiala, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8552 dated 16.04.2021, has intimated the Commission that information regarding present designation of Sh. Parveen Kumar Saini, demanded at point no. 03 of the RTI request has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 16.04.2021. It is taken on record.

Sh. Inder Mohan, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Nakul Kakkar, in today's hearing, intimates the Commission that no such letter has been received by the appellant till date.

After going over the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request and the response given by the respondent PIO concerned and finding it satisfactory, a copy of the above-mentioned reply (letter no. 250 dated 07.04.2021) be sent to the appellant through registered post alongwith this order.

With this, the case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Encl : reply dated 07.04.2021

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Amritpal Singh
S/o Sh. Avtar Singh,
H. No. 263A/1, Street – 8,
Hussainpura East,
Amritsar- 1433001(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board,
Sabji Mandi, Jalandhar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board,
Sector 65-A, Mandi Bhawan,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2024 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 28.02.2020. First appeal is dated 12.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.07.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.02.2021,

- i) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the information at point no. 01 and 02 of the RTI request, after getting it certified. He was also directed to supply certified copies of the remaining information at point no. 03 and 04 of the RTI request to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- ii) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has 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.
- iii) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Mandi Board, Jalandhar, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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

The appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh, through telephonic communication, has intimated the Commission that he has received the required information.

Since complete information has been supplied by the respondent PIO to the appellant in the instant appeal case and no cause of action is left in this case, hence, the show-cause issued to the concerned respondent PIO vide orders dated 15.02.2021 is dropped and the case is announced as disposed of and closed.

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Date :26th April, 2021

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Ram Singh Pal S/o Sh. Maru Singh,
Street – 02, Ward – 19,
Near Springdill School
Bahadur Nagar, Khanna – 141401,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Agricultural Officer,
Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan, S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1829 of 2020

Present : Sh. Ram Singh Pal , the appellant in person.
Sh. Harsangeet Singh, Agricultural Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 19.03.2020. First appeal is dated 30.04.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.07.2020.

This case was last heard on 15.02.2021.

Sh. Ram Singh Pal, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, no information has been received by him from the respondent PIO so far.

Sh. Harsangeet Singh, Agricultural Officer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 5396 dated 02.02.2021 intimating that the information, demanded by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of Block Khara.

After examining the documents placed on record and hearing the parties concerned, it emerges that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of Agricultural Officer, Block Khara and the appellant has filed RTI request to the PIO office of Chief Agricultural Officer, Fatehgarh Sahib.

Therefore, the appellant is advised to file a fresh application by seeking information from the concerned respondent PIO.

With this, the case is announced as **disposed of and closed.**

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Punjab

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Navneet Sharma
S/o Sh. Updesh Raj Sharma,
H. No. 08, Golden Avenue,
New Friends Colony,
Ferozepur City – 152002 (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Drainage and Construction Division,
Ferozepur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 893 of 2020

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

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.03.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 28.07.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 15.02.2021, neither the complainant nor the respondent was present. The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 34 dated 06.05.2020 had intimated the Commission that the requisite information was supplied to the complainant. An opportunity was given to the complainant to confirm whether he has 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 or the case would be decided on merits..

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

The complainant, Sh. Navneet Sharma was absent on the hearing, held on 15.02.2021. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the complainant is satisfied with the information supplied to him and does not wish to pursue this case further and hence the case is disposed of and closed.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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