

Sukhdev Singh (Ex-Member Panchayat),  
S/o Sh. Uttam Singh,  
Village – Vairowal(Bawian),  
Tehsil – Khadoor Sahib,  
Distt. Tarn Taran (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Tarn Taran(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Block Development and  
Panchayat Officer,  
Khadoor Sahib(Punjab)

...Respondent

### Complaint Case No. 476 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.  
Sh. Yadvinder Singh, Gram Rozgar Assistant O/o B. D. P. O., Khadoor Sahib, 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 13.01.2021, the complainant through a letter had pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied to him and a copy of that letter was sent to the respondent PIO through registered post alongwith the order so that the required information could be supplied to the complainant after removing the deficiencies, pointed by him. If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply in writing, to the Commission with a copy of the same to the complainant.

Sh. Yadvinder Singh, Gram Rozgar Assistant of office of B. D. P. O., Khadoor Sahib, who appeared in today's hearing, states the requisite information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the complainant, has been supplied to the complainant through registered post.

The complainant, Sh. Sukhdev Singh, through telephonic communication, has intimated the Commission that the deficiencies, which were pointed out by him earlier, have not been removed till date

As the information was sent by the respondent PIO to the complainant through registered post, which would be delivered by the Postal Authorities to the complainant within coming two or three days, possibly.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not. He is 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. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

An opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the supplied information (which has been sent to the appellant) to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> July, 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 :26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

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Majhel Singh  
S/o Sh. Mehar Singh,  
Village – Gondpur, P. O. – Gardhwala,  
Tehsil – Dasuya, Distt. - Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 757 of 2020

Present : Sh. Majhel Singh, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Viney Sharma, Chief Agricultural Officer, in person.

#### ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.  
The RTI request is dated 04.09.2019. First appeal is dated 31.10.2019. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 13.01.2021,

- i) Sh. Viney Sharma, Chief Agricultural Officer, stated that the requisite information could not be supplied to the appellant as vigilance enquiry is pending in the instant appeal-case.
- ii) The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to file a reply, in writing, specifically mentioning the time period regarding which vigilance enquiry is pending and if the enquiry (pertains to the period, regarding which the information has been sought by the appellant) does not relate with the instant appeal-case, then he (the respondent-PIO concerned) was directed send a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through RTI request to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iii) The appellant was advised to confirm whether he has received the information/reply.

Sh. Viney Sharma, Chief Agricultural Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 1374 dated 19.04.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1375 dated 19.04.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 9082 dated 22.04.2021. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information with a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Majhel Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him, moreover, whatever information has been given to him is uncertified. He also intimates the Commission that he has pointed out deficiencies, in the supplied information through a letter dated 23.04.2021 to the respondent PIO and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 27.04.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information and collect the same after identification.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) during his visit to office on 27.04.2021 at 11:00 A. M.

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.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> July, 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 :26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

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

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Sarabjeet Singh Gill,  
R/o House Number 60-35-P-376-1,  
Street Number 08, Maha Singh Nagar,  
P.O. Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana -141014(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

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

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

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 4613 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
i) Sh. Sanjeev Uppal, Superintendent (Tehbazari Branch) ;  
ii) Ms. Kashish Garg, Building Inspector , on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.09.2019. First appeal is dated 21.10.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 13.01.2021, the respondent PIO concerned of office of Tehbazari Branch, M.C., Ludhiana was directed to appear in person to represent this case. Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned office of Tehbazari Branch, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana to comply with the orders dated 02.09.2020 passed by the Commission by depositing the penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only), in the Treasury of Punjab Government and a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that Sh. Sanjeev Uppal, Superintendent (Tehbazari Branch), who appeared in today's hearing, states that orders dated 02.09.2020 passed by the Commission has been complied as penalty of Rs. 5,000/- has been deposited. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 03 dated 05.04.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8142 dated 09.04.2021. It, alongwith a copy of challan receipt, is taken on record.

Ms. Kashish Garg, Building Inspector, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant.

As the respondent PIO has neither sent any forwarding letter (through which the information has been sent to the appellant) nor copy of information supplied to the Commission, hence, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the supplied information (which was supplied to the appellant) to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is 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.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Punjab

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Shakti Bhushan  
S/o Sh. Kewal Krishan,  
Street Bhani Sahib, Ward No. 8,  
Dhanaula, Distt. Barnala -148105 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department,  
O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Patiala (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3005 of 2019

Present : Sh. Shakti Bhushan , 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 08.12.2018. First appeal is dated 11.03.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.08.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.01.2021, last and final opportunity was 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. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala

The appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information given to him by the respondent PIO is not complete.

An opportunity is 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.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has neither sent any intimation regarding his non-availability nor sent any document, which shows that the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon him vide order dated 18.01.2021, has been deposited.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the above order passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 5,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government by the next date of hearing.

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 of hearing.

A copy of this order alongwith order dated 18.01.2021 be sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to ensure compliance of the order dated 18.01.2021.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date :26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

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

- Encl : Orders dated 18.01.2021

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The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh

Encl : Orders dated 18.01.2021



Shakti Bhushan  
S/o Sh. Kewal Krishan,  
Street Bhani Sahib, Ward No. 8,  
Dhanaula,  
Distt. Barnala -148105 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department,  
O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Sangrur (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1297 of 2019

Present : Sh. Shakti Bhushan , 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 08.11.2018. First appeal is dated 19.12.2018. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.04.2019.

On the hearing, held on 21.10.2020, the appellant stated that he received the required information in the instant appeal case. Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary-cum-PIO (presently posted) also intimated the Commission that Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu was PIO when the RTI application was moved by the appellant and retired from his service. As far as information is concerned that is already supplied in this case. Accordingly, a copy of this order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to deduct the penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 18.09.2019) from the pension of Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu (who is retired).

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.01.2021, a copy of the order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to file a reply, in writing, specifying the reasons regarding the non-deposition of the penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 18.09.2019).

The appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the required information in the instant appeal case.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. No document has also been received in the Commission, showing that the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon the respondent PIO concerned vide order dated 18.09.2019 has been deposited.

As far as information is concerned that is already supplied in this case.

Nevertheless, a copy of this order be sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh with the directions to ensure compliance of the order dated 18.09.2019 by deducting the penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 18.09.2019) from the salary/pension of the concerned respondent PIO under intimation to the Commission.

**A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 18.09.2019(through which penalty was imposed) 21.10.2020 and 18.01.2021 be sent through registered post to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport, Chandigarh and State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the advice to ensure compliance of the orders (above-mentioned) passed by the Commission.**

**The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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

- **Encl :**

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**(Regd. Post)** i) **The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Transport.,  
Pb. Mini Sectt., Sector – 9,  
Chandigarh**

**Encl : orders dated i) 18.09.2019  
ii) & 21.10.2020  
iii) 18.01.2021**

**(Regd. Post)** **The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh  
Chandigarh**

**Encl : orders dated i) 18.09.2019  
ii) & 21.10.2020  
iii) 18.01.2021**

Shakti Bhushan  
S/o Sh. Kewal Krishan,  
Street Bhani Sahib, Ward No. 8,  
Dhanaula, Distt. Barnala -148105 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department,  
O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Faridkot (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1304 of 2019

Present : Sh. Shakti Bhushan the appellant in person.  
Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 08.11.2018. First appeal is dated 07.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.04.2019.

On the earlier hearing held on 21.10.2020, a copy of the order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to ensure compliance of the order dated 19.08.2020 by deducting the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 19.08.2020) from the salary of Sh. Gurnam Singh under intimation to the Commission.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.01.2021,

- i) The appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan, stated that incomplete information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO as copies of bills of purchase of tractors were not given to him.
- ii) The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 29.01.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the information.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information to the appellant during his visit to office on 29.01.2021 at 11:00 A. M.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- v) If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply to the Commission with a copy to the appellant.
- vi) A copy of the order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to file a reply, in writing, specifying the reasons regarding the non-deposition of the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 19.08.2020).

The appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits no document, showing that the penalty amount of Rs. 10000/- which was imposed upon the respondent PIO concerned vide order dated 19.08.2020 has been deposited.

Nevertheless, a copy of this order be sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh with the directions to ensure compliance of the order dated 19.08.2020 by deducting the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 19.08.2020) from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO under intimation to the Commission.

**A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 19.08.2020(through which penalty was imposed) 21.10.2020 and 18.01.2021 be sent through registered post to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport, Chandigarh and State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the advice to ensure compliance of the orders (above-mentioned) passed by the Commission.**

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a proper reply to the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

**The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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

- Encl :

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**Encl : orders dated i) 19.08.2020**  
**ii) 21.10.2020**  
**iii) 18.01.2021**

i) The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Transport.,  
Pb. Mini Sectt., Sector – 9,  
Chandigarh

**(Regd. Post)**

**Encl : orders dated i) 19.08.2020**  
**ii) & 21.10.2020**  
**iii) 18.01.2021**

The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh  
Chandigarh



Trilochan Singh,  
H. No. 848 – A, M.I.G,  
Jamalpur Colony,  
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal Secretary to  
Government of Punjab,  
Department of Transport,  
Pb. Mini Secretariat,  
Sector 9, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Principal Secretary to  
Government of Punjab,  
Department of Transport,  
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 383 of 2020**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, Draftsman, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

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

The RTI request is dated 04.10.2019. First appeal is dated 04.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.01.2021,

- i) Sh. Guralp Singh, APIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant on 15.01.2021 through registered post.
- ii) An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the supplied information (which was sent to the appellant) to the Commission.
- iii) The appellant was not present and last opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 15.01.2021 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.

The appellant, Sh. Trilochan Singh, through a letter dated 26.04.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he has pointed out certain deficiencies through a letter dated 08.12.2020 to the respondent PIO, which have not been removed till date. It is taken on record.

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Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, Draftsman, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 10.03.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 7002 dated 10.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 6731 dated 23.03.2021, showing that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant vide letters dated 05.03.2020, 12.03.2020 and 12.01.2021. It, alongwith annexure is taken on record.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant, to him 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 by respondent PIO) or not. He is 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. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Punjab

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Trilochan Singh,  
H. No. 848 – A, M.I.G,  
Jamalpur Colony,  
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
State Transport Department,  
Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 381 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Gurbaksh Singh, Draftsman, on behalf of the respondent.

#### ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.10.2019. First appeal is dated 04.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 18.01.2021,

- i) Sh. Guralp Singh, APIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant on 05.03.2020 and 11.03.2020.
- ii) The appellant was not present and last opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO 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.

The appellant, Sh. Trilochan Singh, through a letter dated 26.04.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he has pointed out certain deficiencies through a letter dated 08.12.2020 to the respondent PIO, which have not been removed till date. It is taken on record.

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

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant, to him 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 by respondent PIO) or not. He is 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. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Inderjit Singh  
S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh,  
V.P.O. – Sabhra(Patti Narad Ki),  
Tehsil – Patti,  
Distt. – Tarn Taran - 143416(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Engineer,  
P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Division - 2,  
Amritsar (Punjab)

Encl : letters i) 08.02.2021  
and ii) 03.04.2021

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

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2309 of 2020

Present : Sh. Inderjit 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 28.02.2020. 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, the appellant stated that he has received information only at point no. 03 and 20 of the RTI request and he had pointed out deficiencies through letter dated 08.02.2021. Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not.

The appellant, Sh. Inderjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO as he has received information only at point no. 03 and 20 of the RTI request and deficiencies, which were pointed out by him through letter dated 08.02.2021, have not been removed till date. He also intimated the Commission that again through letter dated 03.04.2021, he has pointed out deficiencies in the supplied information.

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 the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 15.02.2021.

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**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, P.W.D. (B & R), Construction Division - 2, Amritsar, 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.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant through letter dated 08.02.2021 and 03.04.2021, to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission. He is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of letters dated 08.02.2021 and 03.04.2021 be sent to him alongwith this order through registered post for ready reference.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not.

The case is adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 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 :26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

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

Encl : letters i) 08.02.2021  
and ii) 03.04.2021

**Note** : Install → CISCO WEBEX Meetings → Click on Join Meeting → Enter Meeting Code ID No. i. e. is '1589136034'



Jagat Ram S/o Sh. Dina Nath,  
Village – Nanowal,  
P. O. – Ganguwal,  
Teh. – SriAnandpur Sahib,  
Distt. - Roopnagar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Forest Range Officer,  
SriAnandpur Sahib (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Conservator of Forests, Punjab,  
Forest Complex, Sector 68,  
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1958 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jagat Ram, 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 28.02.2020. 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 appellant stated that irrelevant information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO as he has demanded Cr. Vr. Numbers made on the bases of per Muster-roll list but respondent given him copy of list of Muster-roll not Cr. Vr. Numbers.
- ii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 18.02.2021 to identify the available information and the appellant was also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record to identify the information.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to either to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection or if any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

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

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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 the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 15.02.2021.

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 Forest Range Officer, SriAnandpur Sahib, 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 RTI request be sent to him through registered post.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

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 14<sup>th</sup> July, 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 :26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
State Information Commissioner  
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Encl : RTI request

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