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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, (9814197689)

s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
H.No.148, Model Town,
Phase-I, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o D.C., Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o D.C., Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 2799 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX**

Present:

(i) Appellant- present.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Davinder Jaura, XEN, Sh. Sonu Goyal,, PIO and Sh. Sandip Kataria

Order:

1. This order may be read with the reference to previous order dated 2.3.2022 vide which it was observed that requisite information relate with more than one PIO. The undersigned Bench, as per observations made, is of the view that the appellant cannot seek information on single RTI application from multiple authorities. A full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab in Complaint Case No. 2903 of 2011 has decided on 13.01.2012, which is as under:-

"We hold that under Section (3) of the Act ibid, the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that holds the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer to multiple authorities.

The Bench advised the appellant to go for seeking information by filing RTI application before a specific public authority that has separate PIO. He was advised to visit the respondent's office on 15.03.2022 for inspection. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 26.4.2022.

2. In today's hearing appellant & above mentioned PIO relating to different branches are present.
3. The appellant states that information with regard to point No.1, 2 & 3 has been supplied but without any attestation. He further states that information with regard to point No.6 has also been provided.
4. In view of discussions held the court orders the respondent PIOs to supply the attested information with regard to point No.1, 2 & 3 to the appellant. It is further ordered that in point No.6 an inspection may be conducted by the appellant at the office of the respondent tomorrow i.e. 27.4.2022 at 2 p.m. The respondent PIO may ensure his presence during the fixed period. The pointed out information may be supplied to the appellant under intimation to the Commission.
5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **18.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 26.4.2022

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O/o M.C. Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, M.C, Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2802 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Appellant- Sh. Sanjiv Goyal.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Amardeep, Secy., MC, Bathinda

Order

1. This order may be read with the reference to previous order dated 2.3.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent and he was directed to remove deficiencies pointed out by the appellant in the supplied information. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 26.4.2022.
2. In today's hearing appellant states that information with regard to point No.1, 2, 3, & 7 is misprint & information with regard to point 4, 5 & 6 has not been given.
3. The respondent states that information with regard 4, 5 & 6 is ready and will be supplied within 2 to 3 days.
4. After hearing both sides, respondent PIO is directed to supply the complete readable information as per RTI application within one week from today along with directions to both the parties to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **18.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 26.04.2022

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o SDM. Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o SDM. Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2803 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Appellant- Sh. Sanjeev Goyal.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Varinder Pal (Superintendent, SDM Office, Bathinda)

Order

1. This order may be read with the reference to previous order dated 2.3.2022 vide which appellant intimated the Commission that there are discrepancies in the supplied information. Respondent PIO was directed to remove deficiencies pointed out by the appellant along with directions to represent this case on the next date of hearing. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 26.4.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that there are still deficiencies which have to be removed.
3. The respondent, Sh. Varinder Pal requests the court that an inspection may be fixed so that discrepancies could be removed as per RTI application.
4. In view of the above discussion, the court advises the appellant to visit office of the respondent for an inspection for on 27.04.2022 i.e. tomorrow at 4.00 p.m. The respondent is directed to be present at the fixed date & time and show the record as per RTI application. He is also directed to supply the pointed out information without further loss of time under intimation to the Commission as per RTI application.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **18.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

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Public Information Officer

O/o M.C., Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o M.C., Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2834 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present : (i) Appellant- Sh. Sanjeev Goyal.
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sonu Goyal, PIO

Order

1. The RTI application is dated 16.03.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 19.03.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.06.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 09.03.2022, which was not heard and fixed for 26.04.2022 i.e. today
2. In today's hearing both appellant and respondents are present. The appellant requests the Commission to direct the respondent PIO to provide the information as per RTI application.
3. The respondent states that the appellant has already been intimated vide their letter dated 18.3.2021 that they have no information with regard to point No.10 which relates with NGOs and information with regard to point No.11 is also not available with them; as creation is exempted as per RTI Act, 2005.
4. After hearing both sides, the court is of the view that an inspection may be fixed of the official record. The appellant may visit office of the respondent department on 27.04.2022 at 2.00 p.m. The respondent is directed to be present at his office on the fixed date and time and make ready the record for inspection. The identified information as per RTI application be provided to the appellant as per RTI application without further loss of time under intimation to the Commission.
5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **18.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 26.4.2022

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s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
H.No.148, Model Town,
Phase-I, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o M.C., Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o M.C., Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2835 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present : (i) Appellant- Sh. Sanjeev Goyal
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sandip Kataria (PIO)

Order

1. The RTI application is dated 23.04.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 28.04.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.06.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 09.03.2022, which was not heard and fixed for 26.04.2022 i.e. today
2. In today's hearing, respondent states that the appellant has already been provided the information vide office letter dated: 30.9.2021, which is on record of the Commission.
3. The appellant further states that information with regard to fitness of the dogs has not been received till date.
4. After hearing both sides, the court is of the view; the respondent PIO is directed to supply the fitness certificate under intimation to the Commission. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **18.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 26.04.2022

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s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
H.No.148, Model Town,
Phase-I, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o M.C., Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o M.C., Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2836 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present : (i) Appellant- Sh. Sanjeev Goyal.
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sandip Kataria, PIO

Order

1. The RTI application is dated 15.01.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 18.01.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.06.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 09.03.2022, which was not heard and fixed for 26.04.2022 i.e. today
2. In today's hearing, respondent states that complete information has been sent by email to the appellant on 8.3.2022 (on record of the Commission).
3. The court advises the appellant to go through the supplied information and point out any ambiguity in the supplied information under intimation to the Commission within seven days from today as per RTI application.
4. Respondent PIO is directed to remove the ambiguity, if any, being pointed out by the appellant within seven days after receipt letter regarding discrepancies.
5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **18.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Jasveer Singh Sidhu (9417508764)

s/o Sh. Balkar Singh,
(Crime Reporter (Bathinda),
Vill. Jogewala, PO Malkana,
Tehsil Talwandi Saboo,
Distt. Bathinda 151301.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o ADC(D), Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o D.C., Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No: 3291 and 3293 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Appellant- Sh. Jasveer Singh Sidhu.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Jaswinder Singh (JA) along with Sh. Samardeep (JA)

Order:

1. This order may be read with earlier orders dated: 24.3.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent despite being aware about the date of hearing. A show cause notice was issued to him in both the above mentioned cases. The case was adjourned to 26.4.2022. Matters were adjourned for further hearing on 26.04.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present. The appellant, Sh. Jasveer Singh Sidhu states that no progress even after the directions of the Commission vide order dated 24.03.2022.
3. The respondent Sh. Jaswinder Singh states that the information has been provided to the appellant on 12.4.2021 in both the appeal cases.
4. After having detailed discussions with both the parties, it is observed that respondents are not aware about the facts of this case. Respondent PIO failed to represent this case even after issuing Show Cause notice to him by name. This expresses his casual approach and wasting the precious time of the Commission.

The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case. In pursuance of this, the PIO is directed to file a written submission in response to the Notice of the Commission and should present this case personally at Punjab State Information Commission Office, Chandigarh on the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

A copy of this order be sent to Sh. Sanjeev Kumar (PIO) by name through **registered post** for his ready reference.

5. Appellant is on liberty to represent his case in the office of PSIC at Chandigarh or through CISCO Webex (Meeting Number 1582933632).
6. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **13.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 26.4.2022

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Sh. Sanjeev Kumar (PIO)
O/o ADC(D), Bathinda

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Appellant

Ms Amandeep Kaur (8595977082)

D/o Sh. Palwinder Singh,

6, Subhash Market,

Mall Road, Bathinda.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commission, MC, Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3441 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Sahil on behalf of the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Absent.

Order:

1. This order may be read with earlier order dated: 3.3.2022 where the respondent was absent and the representative of the appellant stated that incomplete information had been received. The case was adjourned to 26.4.2022.
2. In today's hearing, representative of the appellant states that in spite of one year has gone in vain the department has not supplied the complete information. He further pleads that court may take strict action against the department for not complying orders of the Commission.
3. Respondent is absent again without any intimation to the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o MC, Bathinda** is directed to **show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. 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, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **19.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Sh. Pankaj Kumar (9988241285)

s/o Sh. Nabh Singh

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Surkhpeer Road,

Bathinda 151001.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o M.C., Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o M.C., Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2850 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present

(i) Sh. Sanjeev Goyal on behalf of the Appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Davinder Jaura, XEN along with Sh. Sonu Goyal

Order

1. The RTI application is dated 26.2.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 9.4.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.6.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 9.3.2022, which was not heard and hearing was adjourned to 26.4.2022 i.e. today
2. In today's hearing the respondents state that information with regard to point No.1&2 has already been supplied to the appellant on 08.03.2022. Nothing is left to be supplied.
3. The appellant expresses his dissatisfaction on the supplied information and he is advised to visit office of the respective PIOs to get the pending information, if any, within fifteen days. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the pending information, if any pointed out by the appellant under intimation to the Commission on his visit. In case, information is not available, then give in writing to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
4. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **18.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Sh. Gurpreet Singh, (8283888905)

s/o Sh. Gurbachan Singh,

Tibbi Sahib Road,

Gaushala Wali Street,

Sri Mukatsar Sahib

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director Transport, Punjab Roadways, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director Transport, Punjab Roadways, Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2839 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present

(i) Appellant.: Sh. Gurpreet Singh

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Darshan Singh (SA)

Order

1. The RTI application is dated 16.3.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 19.4.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.6.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 9.3.2022, which was not heard and adjourned to 26.4.2022 i.e. today
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that information is incomplete as information relates with Ludhiana district is still pending.
3. The respondent states that maximum information has been supplied to the appellant.
4. The court while taking suo moto cognizance directs the respondent to give all the information to the appellant as per his RTI application under intimation to the Commission within ten days. The appellant is also advised to point deficiency, if any, on receipt of the information before the next date of hearing positively.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **17.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Pawan Kumar (7696458517)

s/o Sh. Som Nath,
Ward No.13, Bagh Colony,
Rama, District Bathinda – 151301.

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Nagar Council, Rama, Distt. Bathinda

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 1317 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present

- (i) Complainant – Sh. Pawan Kumar
- (ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

Order

1. This order may be read with earlier order dated: 2.3.2022 where the respondent was absent and one more opportunity was awarded to the respondent PIO to represent the present case. The case was adjourned to 26.4.2022.
2. In today's hearing, complainant states that in spite of one year has gone in vain the department has not supplied the complete information. He further pleads that court may take strict action against the department for not complying with the orders of the Commission.
3. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Nagar Council, Rama, District Bathinda** is directed to **show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. 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, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

4. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **19.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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