



Manpreet Singh
S/o Sh. Mansa Ram,
85 – G, Gobind Nagar,
Model Town,
Patiala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
State Transport Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 21 of 2020

Present : Sh. Kamalpreet Singh, 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 15.07.2019. First appeal is dated 11.09.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.03.2020, the appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent to inspect the relevant official record on 22.04.2020.

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

Sh. Kamalpreet Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Manpreet Singh in today's hearing, states that the appellant could not visit the office of the respondent's office to inspect the relevant official record on the fixed date and time due to Covid – 19.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 12.11.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information. The appellant is also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO and avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 12.11.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him by the next date of hearing.

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 by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 25th January, 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 : 26th October, 2020

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

P. S. :

Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO, appeared after the hearing was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands **adjourned to 25th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'**.

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Ashok Kumar,
H. No. 1289,
Morni Wala Khuh,
Derabassi,
Distt. – Mohali - 140501(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
KAD, Water Resource Management,
Sector 18, Chandigarh(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Water Cell,
Water Resource Department, Pb.,
Sector 18, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2100 of 2020

Present : Sh. Ashok Kumar, the appellant in person.
Sh. Amit Sahota, Executive Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 13.03.2020. First appeal is dated 03.06.2020.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.08.2020.

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

Sh. Amit Sahota, Executive Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, seeks an adjournment in this case.

An opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request to him through registered post by the next date of hearing and send the same to the Commission with a copy of the postal receipt.

The case is **adjourned to 25th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Sukhwinder Singh S/o Sh. Banta Singh,
Village – Dhupsari,
P.O. - Govt. Polytechnic College,
Tehsil – Batala,
Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

.... complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Divisional Forest Officer,
Gurdaspur (Punjab)

... Respondents

Encl : RTI Request

Complaint Case No. 506 of 2020

Present : Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, the complainant in person.
Sh. Sulakhan Pal, Surveyor, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 15.01.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 04.08.2020.

The complainant, Sh. Sukhwinder 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. Sulakhan Pal, Surveyor, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been given to the complainant, Sh. Sukhwinder Singh in another case i. e. C. C. 125 of 2019, which was disposed of by Ld. State Information Commissioner – Sh. Avtar Singh Kaler vide orders dated 24.04.2019. He also states that a reply alongwith a copy of the order dated 24.04.2019 has been sent to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 14429 dated 21.10.2020. It is taken on record.

After going through the documents placed in the case-file, it is found that contents of the present RTI application filed in instant complaint case (i. e. C.C. 506 of 2020) and the RTI request filed in C. C. 125 of 2019, are not the same.

Accordingly, an opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the complainant through his RTI request to him through registered post and send the same to the Commission with a copy of the postal receipt by the next date of hearing. **A copy this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post for his ready reference.**

The case is **adjourned to 25th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : RTI Request

Nirmal Singh(Retd. Naib Tehsildar),
H. No. 1100,
Sector 69,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Khadoor Sahib,
Distt. - Tarn Taran(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Khadoor Sahib,
Distt. - Tarn Taran(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1078 of 2020

Present : Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Abhishek Verma, Tehsildar-cum-PIO, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 06.06.2019. First appeal is dated 06.08.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.03.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.08.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to file/send a point wise reply to the queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request, to the Commission and also directed to remain present in person during the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case. **A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Tehsildar, Khadoor Sahib under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**

Sh. Abhishek Verma, Tehsildar-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he could not appear on the last date fixed for hearing on 24.08.2020 as there was Covid- 19 positive case in the office and the office staff was on 'Home Isolation' and the required information could not be supplied to the appellant as the information sought for by the appellant through his RTI request is 'personal' information and Sh. Kashmir Singh (third party) has refused to supply any kind of information to anyone and a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 09 dated 29.01.2020. He also states that a reply vide letter no. 18 dated 12.10.2020 has also been sent to the Commission (which has been received in the Commission vide Diary no. 14238 dated 19.10.2020), which is taken on record.

Sh. J. S. Thind, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Nirmal Singh, in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to the appellant, moreover, Sh. Kashmir Singh (the person, regarding whom the information has been demanded) has filed forged documents to get appointment .

After hearing the parties concerned and examining the documents placed in the case-file, it is found that information sought for by the appellant through RTI request in this case is in 'Larger Public Interest', hence directions are given to the concerned respondent PIO to supply the required information to the appellant as per his queries raised by him through RTI request, by the next date of hearing positively.

The case is **adjourned to 25th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'**.

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Surinder Kumar Chugh(Retd. Jr. Asstt.)

S/o Sh. Lal Chand,
Block No. D/8-501,
Maya Garden City,
Zirakpur,
Distt. – S.A.S. Nagar (Punjab)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1136 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Baljit Singh, Section Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.08.2020, Sh. Munish Kumar, Section Officer, stated that bills for payment (due towards the appellant) as demanded through RTI request, was prepared and sent to Treasury Branch and sought an adjournment in this case so that confirmation report of payment done, be submitted before the Commission. Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to submit confirmation report of payment to the appellant by the next date of hearing. The appellant was also advised to intimate the Commission that whether he has received the due payment or not.

The complainant, Sh. Surinder Kumar Chugh, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Baljit Singh, Section Officer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that bill regarding due payment (regarding which the information has been demanded through RTI request) has been deposited in District Treasury Office, Bathinda.

After examining the case-file, it emerges that the respondent has neither sent any reply (in response to the RTI request) to the Commission nor sent any document, which shows that reply to the RTI request has been given to the complainant.

Accordingly, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to file a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the complainant through his RTI request with supporting documents to the Commission as well as to the complainant, by the next date of hearing.

Another opportunity is given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied 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 or it would be assumed that the complainant does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is **adjourned to 25th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'**.

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Punjab**

P. S. :

The complainant, Sh. Surinder Kumar Chugh, appeared after the hearing of the instant complaint case was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands **adjourned to 25th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'**.

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Mohan Lal S/o Sh. Jhandu Ram,
Opp. HDFC Bank,
Bhagta-Bhai-Ka, Tehsil – Phul,
Distt. - Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.,
Operation Division,
Bhagta-Bhai-Ka, Tehsil – Phul,
Distt. - Bathinda(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer (West),
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4696 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Hemant Kumar, S. D. O., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 17.05.2019. First appeal is dated 12.07.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 24.08.2020, the appellant stated that incomplete information was supplied to him by the respondent PIO. The respondent-PIO was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information, as per his queries raised by him through his RTI request as per official record to the appellant and if any information is not available in the official record or any query, raised by the appellant through RTI request is in nature of 'question', he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to send a reply in an affidavit to the query/queries raised through RTI request, which are not available in the official record or in nature of 'question', to the appellant through registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Mohan Lal, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Hemant Kumar, S. D. O., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, available information has already been supplied to the appellant, which alongwith copy of supplied information is placed in the case-file. He also states that for rest of the information a reply vide letter no. 5184 dated 20.10.2020 has also been sent to the appellant through registered post and sent the same to the Commission through an e-mail, which is taken on record.

Last opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the reply, which has been sent to him by the respondent PIO or it would be assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is **adjourned to 25th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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