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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab

Shobha Rani Sharma C/o Dr. Bhishamber Dass, Mohalla Sekhan, Sujanpur, Ward No. 08,

Teh. & Distt. - Pathankot(Punjab)

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Sujanpur, Teh. & Distt. - Pathankot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 89 of 2020

Present: None on behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Suman Kumar, Superintendent-cum-APIO, on behalf of the

respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.10.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2020.

Sh. Suman Kumar, Superintendent-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information, demanded by the appellant through RTI request is in nature of 'question', hence, could not be supplied to him.

The complainant, Sh. Shobha Rani Sharma, is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission.

The complainant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 05.01.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to inspect the relevant official record to identify the required information so that the same could be supplied to him.

If the complainant would not avail the opportunity to inspect the official record on the above fixed date, it would be assumed that she does not require the information any more and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 18th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Sujanpur, Teh. & Distt. - Pathankot (Punjab)

...Respondents

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Baljeet Singh

S/o Sh. Bachan Singh, 64 – H, B. R. S. Nagar,

Ludhiana - 141012 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o The Chairman,

Improvement Trust, Ludhiana (Punjab)

Encl : orders dated 04.02.2020

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2541 of 2019

Present: Sh. Baljeet Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 18.03.2019. First appeal is dated 183.04.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 04.02.2020, a penalty of Rs. 5000/-was imposed upon the PIO office of Improvement Trust, Ludhiana

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

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has 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 04.02.2020, has been deposited. Moreover, the requisite information has also not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of seven months.

The Public Information Officer of office of Improvement Trust, Ludhiana is directed 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 or disciplinary action would be recommended against him/her under Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act. A copy of this order be sent to him <u>through registered post</u>.

Taking a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO and after seeing the conduct of the concerned respondent PIO, a copy of this order alongwith orders dated 04.02.2020 be sent to Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, through registered post to ensure compliance of the order dated 04.02.2020 passed by the Commission regarding penalty of Rs. 5000/-, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Improvement Trust, Ludhiana for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and for not complying the order passed by the Commission vide orders dated 04.02.2020.

The amount of penalty to be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services

Subj-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 positively.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the required information as per the queries raised by the appellant through his RTI request to him by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not, by the next date of hearing.

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

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : orders dated 04.02.2020

Date: 26th November, 2020

The Director,

(Regd. Post) Local Government, Punjab,

Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35,

Chandigarh



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Ms. Daljeet Kaur W/o Sh.Gurmeet Singh #553, New Defence Colony, Deep Nagar-II, Jalandhar Cantt.-144005 (Punjab)

...Appellant

Versus

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

Date: 26th November, 2020

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3406 of 2018

Present: Ms. Daljeet Kaur the appellant in person.

Sh. Eshan Sharma, Section Officer, for the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 04.04.2018. First appeal is dated 10.07.2018. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 04.10.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 03.02.2020, Sh. Vikram Singh, Clerk, brought the requisite information in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant. As the appellant was not present, the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post.

The appellant, Ms. Daljeet Kaur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that that she has not received the required information.

Sh. Eshan Sharma, Section Officer, who appeared for the respondent PIO in today's hearing, seeks an adjournment in this case so that the required information could be supplied to the appellant.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by her through RTI request, with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether she has received the remaining information, which would be supplied to her by the respondent PIO, or not.

The case is <u>adjourned to 19th January, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Village Bholapur, P. O. Ramgarh,

Chd. Road, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,

Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,

Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 380 of 2020

V/s

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 01.10.2019. First appeal is dated 05.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2020.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, through a telephonic message conveyed that due to technical fault, he is not able to connect to attend the proceedings of the hearing.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 23635 dated 15.10.2020 signed by PIO office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 14211 dated 19.10.2020, has intimated the Commission that the required information has been supplied to the appellant through registered post vide letter no. 34220 dated 03.12.2019. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Gurbax Singh, is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to represent this case in person or through his representative, on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Another opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO to represent this case in person or through his representative, on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is <u>adjourned to 18th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Trilochan Singh,
H. No. 848 – A, M.I.G,
Jamalpur Colony,
Distr. - Ludbiana (Punia

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,

(Regd. Post) O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

Chandigarh

Encl: RTI Request 29.10.2019

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

andigarh ...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 383 of 2020

Present: None 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 04.10.2019. First appeal is dated 04.12.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Trilochan Singh, is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1232 dated 05.11.2020 signed by Superintendent-cum-PIO, Transport – 2 Branch, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, hence, RTI request dated 29.10.2019 of the appellant was sent to PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh vide letter dated 05.11.2020, appended to which is a reply sent by Public Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, requesting the Commission to appear in person before the Commission to attend the hearing. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Appeal Case No. 383 of 2020

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The Public Information Officer office of office of State Transport

Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request

with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The Public Information Officer of office of State Transport Commissioner,

Punjab, Chandigarh is also directed to represent this case in person or through his

representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application

'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared.

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 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 of hearing fixed

through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'

The case is adjourned to 18th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for

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

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Date: 26th November, 2020

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

Encl: RTI Request 29.10.2019



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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, (Regd. Post)

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

Chandigarh

Encl: RTI Request 04.10.2019

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. Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant, 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.

The appellant, Sh. Trilochan Singh, is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission

Sh. Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, hence, RTI request dated 04.10.2019 of the appellant was sent to PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh vide letter no. 3550 dated 13.11.2020 and also sent a copy of reply to the Commission vide letter no. 3551 dated 13.11.2020 (which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 25.11.2020) for intimation. It is taken on record.

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Appeal Case No. 381 of 2020

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As the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request,

relates with office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, hence, Public

Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

Chandigarh be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent

to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the

certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him

through RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The Public Information Officer of office of State Transport Commissioner,

Punjab, Chandigarh is also directed to represent this case in person or through his

representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application

'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared.

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 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 of hearing fixed

through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'

The case is adjourned to 18th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for

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Encl: RTI Request 04.10.2019



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P. D. Bansal,

94, City Homes Colony, Near Spring Dale School, Khanna - 141401(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna (Punjab)

Date: 26th November, 2020

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 21 of 2020

Present: Sh. P. D. Bansal, the complainant in person.

Sh. Raghubir Singh, Sanitary Inspector, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 09.10.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 27.12.2019.

Sh. Raghubir Singh, Sanitary Inspector, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been sent to the complainant vide letter no. 1124 dated 25.11.2020 and sent a copy of forwarding letter of the same to the Commission vide letter no. 394 dated 25.11.2020 with annexure, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. P. D. Bansal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received incomplete information till date as information at point no. 02, 03 and 04 is still pending.

Sh. Raghubir Singh, Sanitary Inspector, seeks an adjournment in this case so that remaining information, if any, could be supplied to the complainant as per queries raised by the complainant through RTI request.

An opportunity is given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the remaining information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO, or not.

The case is <u>adjourned to 18th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna (Punjab)

ii)

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 19 of 2020

Present: Sh. P. D. Bansal, the complainant in person.

- Sh. Raghubir Singh, Sanitary Inspector;
 - Sh. Rajesh Rehmi, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 10.09.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 27.12.2019.

Sh. Raghubir Singh, Sanitary Inspector and Sh. Rajesh Rehmi, Junior Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, state that the requisite information (of thirty six pages), has already been sent to the complainant vide letter dated 23.11.2020 through registered post and sent a copy of forwarding letter of the same to the Commission vide letter no. 2249-50 dated 23.11.2020 with a copy of the postal receipt, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. P. D. Bansal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-mentioned information till date.

The representatives of the respondent PIO state that as the information was sent to the complainant vide letter dated 23.11.2020, which would be delivered by the Postal Authorities to the complainant within coming two or three days, possibly.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the supplied information (which was sent to the complainant) to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 23.11.2020 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 18th January, 2021 (Monday) 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**

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Gurjit Singh

S/o Sh. Yadvinder Singh, Village – Behbal Kalan, Tehsil - Jaiton,

Distt. – Faridkot (Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer.

Faridkot Canal Division,

Faridkot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Canal Division, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 873 of 2020

V/s

None on behalf of the appellant. Present:

Sh. Nitin Sood, Executive Engineer(Irrigation), in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 28.11.2019. First appeal is dated 06.01.2020.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.02.2020.

Sh. Nitin Sood, Executive Engineer(Irrigation), who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 14.02.2020 through registered post. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Gurjit Singh is not present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is 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 well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 19th January, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Makhan Singh

S/o Sh. Pritam Singh,

H. No. 2635, Phase - 7,

S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The District Horticulture Officer, S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 284 of 2020

Present: Sh. Makhan Singh, the complainant.

Sh. Jaspreet Singh, District Horticulture Officer, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated17.03.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on .2020.

Sh. Jaspreet Singh, District Horticulture Officer, who appeared in person. in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 13.11.2020 through registered post. He also states that a reply vide letter no. 1307 dated 13.11.2020 has also been sent to the Commission which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 16472 dated 17.11.2020. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Makhan Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the documents from the concerned PIO but on the forwarding page of letter no. 1307 dated 13.11.2020, his father's name is written incorrect.

The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on any day during working hours to get the required documents (after getting it corrected) and the respondent PIO is directed to correct the name of father on the required documents and hand over the same to the a complainant during his visit to his (respondent PIO) office.

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

The case is <u>adjourned to 19th January, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u>
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