

Gurmej Lal,
H. No. 6375, Street – 16,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,
P. O. – Daba, Ludhiana(Punjab

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Town Planner,
O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Town Planner,
O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2595 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Town Planner(Town Planning Wing) ;
- ii) Ms. Kashish Garg, Building Inspector, Zone – C of M. C., Ludhiana, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 11.03.2021. First appeal is dated 11.04.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.06.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 29.11.2021;

- i) Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector (Town Planning Wing), stated that a reply was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 2951 dated 24.08.2021, intimating him that RTI request was transferred to the office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act.
- ii) Ms. Kashish Garg, Building Inspector, Zone – C of office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, stated that a point-wise reply was sent to the appellant vide letter no. 860 dated 09.09.2021.
- iii) The appellant stated that he never received the above-mentioned replies.
- iv) An opportunity was given to both the respondent PIOs concerned (office of Town Planning Wing of Director, Local Government, Punjab and Zone-C of office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana) to send the above-mentioned replies to the appellant through registered post at his residential address and send a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission.

Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector (Town Planning Wing), appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, to represent this case.

Ms. Kashish Garg, Building Inspector, Zone – C of office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, who appeared in today's hearing, states that in compliance to the order dated 29.11.2021, a point-wise reply has already been sent to the appellant through registered post on 25.02.2022.

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

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant on 25.02.2022 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

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 on 25.02.2022 and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 22nd June, 2022 (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 : 28th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Pankaj Bansal S/o Sh. Surinder Kumar,
Ward No. – 01, Sangar Patti Road,
Dhanaula, District – Barnala - 148105(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Dhanaula, District – Barnala (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request
Order dated 29.11.2021

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies, Pb.,
Mini Secretariat, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2602 of 2021

Present : Sh. Pankaj Bansal, 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 23.11.2020. First appeal is dated 25.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.06.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 29.11.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present.
- iii) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to PIO of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dhanaula, under provisions of the RTI Act.
- iv) Another 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, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the PIO concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Pankaj Bansal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 29.11.2021 , moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given vide order dated 29.11.2021, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dhanaula. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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 submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy 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 or not.

A copy of this order alongwith order dated 29.11.2021 be sent to Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post to ensure compliance of the above-announced order.

The case is adjourned to 21st June, 2022 (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 : 28th February, 2022

(Regd. Post)

The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : Order dated 29.11.2021



Kuldeep Singh Khaira,
125, Ishar nagar,
Ludhiana - 141006(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Vigilance Officer,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Vigilance Officer,
O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2609 of 2021

Present : Sh. Kuldeep Singh Khaira, the appellant in person.
Sh. Navdeep Sharma, Chief Sanitary Inspector((Vigilance Cell), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 16.03.2020. First appeal is dated 16.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.06.2021.
On the last date of hearing, held on 29.11.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Rajeev Saggat, Superintendent-cum-APIO,(Vigilance Cell), stated that a reply was given to the appellant vide letter no. 333 dated 02.02.2021 and again vide letter no. 3406 dated 10.09.2021.
- ii) The appellant was not present .
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the above-said reply and also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned or the case would be decided on merits.

The appellant, Sh. Kuldeep Singh Khaira, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Navdeep Sharma, Chief Sanitary Inspector((Vigilance Cell), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information sought for by the appellant through RTI request is regarding action taken on complaints dated 20.05.2018 and 22.05.2019, which are under investigation, hence could not be supplied.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to file a reply, in writing, mentioning the date when the enquiry (on the above-mentioned complaints) was started and also the status of the investigation till 16.03.2020 and send the same to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 22nd June, 2022 (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 : 28th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Prem Kumar Rattan,
H. No. 78/8,
Park Road, Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 173 of 2021

Present : Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, 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 10.10.2020. First appeal is dated 11.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.12.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Loveleen Kumar, Clerk, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant stated that incomplete information was given to him by the respondent PIO. He was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 16.12.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to inspect the relevant official record to identify the required information.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 16.12.2021 at 11:00 A. M. and directed to provide only Vasika Numbers of the identified information and not to give any copy of "Registry" to the appellant.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not.

The appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent PIO on 16.12.2021 and assurance was given to him by the respondent that required information would be supplied positively but no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

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 01.12.2021. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

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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 Tehsildar, Dhuri, 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. A copy of this order 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 as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy 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 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. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 22nd June, 2022 (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.

(Sanjiv Garg)

Date : 28th February, 2022

**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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Rajinder Kumar,
141, Street No. 6,
Puniya Colony, Haripura Road,
Sangrur - 148001(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Engineer(South),
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Non-Gazetted branch , Patiala (Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Engineer(South),
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Establishment Gazetted Branch, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Water Supply & Sanitation,
Pb. Mini Sectt., Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 264 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rajinder Kumar, the appellant in person.
Sh. Gurminder Singh, Superintendent (Non-Gazetted branch) for respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 26.09.2020. First appeal is dated 09.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.12.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that incomplete information was given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant office of C. E.(South) (Establishment Non-Gazetted branch), stated that whatever information relates with Non-Gazetted branch was supplied to the appellant.
- iii) Sh. Malkiat Singh, Superintendent office of C. E.(P. D. Q. A.) (Gazetted branch), who appeared for the respondent stated that remaining information at point no. 03 of the RTI request demanded by the appellant is regarding arrear of pensioners benefits, which does not relate with Gazetted branch.
- iv) Another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information at point no. 03 of the RTI request to the appellant, after collecting the same from the concerned office/official/Branch (with whom the required information relates), with a copy to the Commission.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

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Sh. Gurminder Singh, Superintendent (Non-Gazetted branch), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that complete information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1586 dated 27.01.2022 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1587-88 dated 27.01.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1995 dated 02.02.2022. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO as copy of recovery sheets has not been given to him till date.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO concerned to inspect the relevant official record on 09.03.2021 at 12:00 Noon to identify the remaining information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 09.03.2021 at 12:00 so that information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) 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 to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not by the next date of hearing.

The date and time of visit of the appellant and inspection of the relevant official record in the office of the respondent has been announced to the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

The case is adjourned to 22nd June, 2022 (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 : 28th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Arvinder Pal Singh
S/o Late Sh. Pritam Singh,
H. No. 16976, Street No. 1-A,
Aggarwal Colony, Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Division No. 01 & 02,
Bathinda (Punjab)

Encl : Order dated 01.12.2021

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 474 of 2021

Present : Sh. Arvinder Pal 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 27.07.2020. First appeal is dated 05.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.12.2021 ;

- i) After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4447 dated 06.10.2021 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Division No. 01, Bathinda, had intimated the Commission that the requisite information at point no. 06 and 10 was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 4446 dated 06.10.2021.
- ii) The appellant stated that he received the above-mentioned reply on 16.10.2021, which is not satisfactory.
- iii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present, moreover, the requisite information was not supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 15.09.2021.
- iv) A show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 30.06.2021 with the directions to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing, moreover, complete information was not supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker.
- v) 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 office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Division No. 01 & 02, Bathinda.
- vi) Another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the appellant at query no. 06 and 10 of the RTI request through registered post to the appellant.
- vii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the remaining information or not.

The appellant, Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent nor his representative is present in today's hearing. He has neither sent any intimation regarding his non-availability nor sent any document, showing that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant. He has also not complied with the orders dated 01.12.2021 passed by the Commission, through which a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- was imposed upon the concerned PIO of office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Division No. 01 & 02, Bathinda.

Accordingly, taking a serious view and after seeing the conduct of the concerned respondent PIO, the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- is enhanced by Rs. 5000/- i. e. from Rs. 5000/- to Rs.10000/- (penalty already imposed Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 01.12.2021) + enhanced (announced today i. e. 28.02.2022) Rs. 5000/- = Rs. 10,000/-)

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the above-announced order by depositing the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000 /- (penalty already imposed Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 01.12.2021) + enhanced (announced today i. e. 28.02.2022) Rs. 5000/- = Rs. 10,000/-) 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 next date of hearing.

Last and final 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 him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail 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.

A copy of this order be sent alongwith order dated 01.12.2021 through registered post to the Managing Director, Water Supply & Sewerage Board, Chandigarh to ensure presence of the concerned PIO on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' and also to ensure compliance of the above announced order.

The case is adjourned to 22nd June, 2022 (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 : 28th February, 2022

(Regd. Post)

Encl : Order dated 01.12.2021

The Managing Director,
Punjab Water Supply and
Sewerage Board,
Plot No. 1-B, Sector 27-A,
Chandigarh

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Brish Bhan
S/o Sh. Saroop Chand,
House Number 33, Kahangarh Road,
Patran, Distt. Patiala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Panchayat,
Dirba, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Panchayat,
Dirba, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 516 of 2021

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 16.10.2020. First appeal is dated 25.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.12.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present , moreover, he had also not sent any document/postal receipt (as directed vide orders dated 30.06.2021 and 15.09.2021), showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant is within stipulated time even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 15.09.2021.
- iii) A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Dirba, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- iv) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant 'free of cost' under intimation to the Commission.
- v) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and 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.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Brish Bhan nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

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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. Moreover, he had also not sent any document/postal receipt, showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant is within stipulated time.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send the certified copies of the required information to the appellant 'free of cost' under intimation 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 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 concerned parties the appellant and PIO concerned are directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

A copy of this order be sent to Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur with the advice to ensure presence of concerned PIO or any of official of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Dirba to represent this case on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is adjourned to 21st June, 2022 (Tuesday) 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 : 28th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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(Regd. Post)

The Deputy Commissioner,
Sangrur (Punjab)

Arjan Dev S/o Sh. Malawa Ram,
Village – Dhadda, P. O. – Hazaara,
Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Encl : RTI request
& order dated 15.09.2021

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.),
Jalandhar(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,
Division – 01, Jalandhar
- iii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chairman/Sarpanch,
Gram Panchayat,
Water Supply Committee,
Village – Dhadda,
Block Jalandhar (East) (Punjab)

(Regd.Post)

Encl : RTI request
& order dated 15.09.2021

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 631 of 2021

Present : Sh. Arjan Dev, the appellant in person.
Sh. Kishore Kumar, Junior Engineer O/o Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation, Division – 01,
Jalandhar.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 07.12.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on
25.05.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.12.2021 ;

- i) The complainant could not make himself audible to intimate the status of the instant complaint-case during the proceedings of the case.
- ii) Sh. Harinder Singh, Executive Engineer, Division – 01, who appeared in person with Sh. Kishore Kumar, Junior Engineer, stated that part information was supplied to the complainant directly by S. D. E., Water Supply and Sanitation, Division 02 of Jalandhar vide letter no. 495 dated 24.09.2021 and sought there weeks time so that the remaining information could be given to the complainant.
- iii) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the complainant a through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the complainant to confirm whether he received the remaining information and 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 complainant, Sh. Arjan Dev, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Kishore Kumar, Junior Engineer office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation, Division – 01, Jalandhar , who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that part information has already been supplied to the complainant directly by S. D. E., Water Supply and Sanitation, Division 02 of Jalandhar and part information demanded by the complainant through RTI request, relates with office of Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee, Village – Dhadda and a letter was forwarded to that office vide letter no. 479 dated 13.09.2021.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that on the hearing, held on 15.09.2021 Public Information Officer office of Chairman/Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee, Village – Dhadda, Block Jalandhar (East), was impleaded as necessary party in this case with the directions to file a reply, in writing, to the query/queries (whichever relates to his office) raised by the appellant through his RTI request. Moreover, as the RTI request is addressed to Public Information Officer of office of Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.), Jalandhar, hence, a copy of the order was sent to him (PIO of A.D.C.(D), Jalandhar), with the directions to represent this case in person on the date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared. But none of the above-said parties are present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the Public Information Officer office of Chairman/Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Water Supply Committee, Village – Dhadda, Block Jalandhar (East), to file a reply, in writing, to the query/queries (whichever relates to his office) raised by the complainant through his RTI request (copy attached). He/she (respondent-PIO concerned) 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' to clear the facts of this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request and order dated 15.09.2021 through registered post.

As the RTI request is addressed to Public Information Officer of office of Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.), Jalandhar, hence a copy of this order again be sent to him with the directions to represent this case in person on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request and order dated 15.09.2021 through registered post.

As the RTI request is addressed to Public Information Officer of office of Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.), Jalandhar, hence, a copy of this order be sent to Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.), Jalandhar with the advice to ensure presence of any of official of his office as a representative to represent this case on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is adjourned to 22nd June, 2022 (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 : 28th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : RTI request
& Order dated 15.09.2021

(Regd. Post) The Additional Deputy Commissioner(Dev.),
Jalandhar (Punjab)

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Avtar Singh
S/o Sh. Chhattar Singh,
H. No. 236,
Village – Jagpura(Gobindpura)
P. O. -Banur,
Distt. – S. A. S. Nagar Mohali - 140601 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,
Banur,
Distt. S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Block Primary Education Officer,
Banur,
Distt. S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2741 of 2021

Present : Sh. Avtar 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 03.02.2021. First appeal is dated 07.04.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.06.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.12.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present and a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- iii) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission .
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and 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.

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The appellant, Sh. Avtar Singh , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 01.12.2021 , moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given vide order dated 01.12.2021, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

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) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office of Block Primary Education Officer, Banur. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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 submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy 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 or not.

A copy of this order alongwith order dated 01.12.2021 be sent to District Education Officer(Sec.), S. A. S. Nagar through registered post to ensure compliance of the above-announced order.

The case is adjourned to 21st June, 2022 (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 : 28th February, 2022

(Regd. Post)

Encl : Order dated 01.12.2021

The District Education Officer(Sec.),
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
Ward No.18, Street No.2,
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,
Khanna, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sanitation Division,
Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
and Sanitation Circle,
Patiala. (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2651 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
Sh. Harvir Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer, Fatehgarh Sahib, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 26.11.2020. First appeal is dated 15.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.06.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.12.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Fazarneer Singh, Junior Engineer, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The appellant stated that incomplete information was given to him by the respondent PIO and through a letter dated 27.09.2021, he had pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information to the PIO.
- iii) Sh. Fazarneer Singh, Junior Engineer, stated that the letter dated 27.09.2021 was not received in the office till date.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to send the letter dated 27.09.2021 (through which deficiencies were pointed out) to the respondent PIO through registered post or e-mail so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- v) Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, to the appellant through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing in the premises of the office of Commission, states that he has again sent a letter dated 27.09.2021 (through which deficiencies were pointed out) to the respondent PIO on 12.12.2021.

Sh. Harvir Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer, Fatehgarh Sahib, who appeared in today's hearing in the premises of the office of Commission, states that the letter dated 27.09.2021 or 12.12.2021 (as stated by the appellant), through which deficiencies were pointed out, have not been received in the office till date.

On this, the appellant, handed over a copy of the letter dated 27.09.2021 (through which deficiencies were pointed out) to Sh. Harvir Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer, during the hearing in the Commission today with a copy to the Commission.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, to the appellant through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not.

The case is adjourned to 22nd June, 2022 (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 : 28th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Jagsir Singh
S/o Sh. Gajjan Singh,
Ward No. 07, Moonak,
Distt.- Sangrur - 148033 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Panchayat,
Moonak, Distt.- Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies, Pb.,
Mini Secretariat, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2664 of 2021

Present : Sh. Jagsir 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 17.11.2020. First appeal is dated 20.03.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.06.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 01.12.2021 ;

- i) Sh. Parshotam Parocha, Clerk, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1004 dated 16.09.2021.
- ii) The appellant through a letter dated 08.10.2021, had intimated the Commission that order passed by the signing authority (whether orders passed by Sub Divisional Magistrate or Executive Officer) on 15.06.2020 and 28.07.2020 to demolish the home, was not received.
- iii) Another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a copy of order passed by the signing authority(whether orders passed by Sub Divisional Magistrate or Executive Officer) on 15.06.2020 and 28.07.2020 to demolish the home, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) The appellant was advised to confirm whether he received the reply or not.

The appellant, Sh. Jagsir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no reply has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1446 dated 15.12.2021 signed by Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Moonak, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 28441 dated 20.12.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send the remaining information i. e. i) a copy of order passed by the signing authority (whether orders passed by Sub Divisional Magistrate or Executive Officer) on 15.06.2020 and 28.07.2020 to demolish the home ; ii) copy of notice, if given, to the appellant before demolishing the home ; and iii) officials, who were present, during the demolition to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant is advised to confirm whether he received the reply (which would be given by the respondent) or not.

The case is adjourned to 21st June, 2022 (Tuesday) 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 : 28th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Yogesh Mahajan
S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation, Pb.,
Division No. 02, Amritsar (Punjab)

Encl : Order dated 20.09.2021

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Circle,
Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1646 of 2021

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 06.01.2021. First appeal is dated 08.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.12.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information was given to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Neither the respondent nor his representative was present in today's hearing.
- iii) Last 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, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and 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.
- v) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 20.09.2021 passed by the Commission by depositing the penalty amount in the Treasury of Punjab Government and a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent nor his representative is present in today's hearing. He has neither sent any intimation regarding his non-availability nor sent any document, showing that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant. He has also not complied with the orders dated 20.09.2021 passed by the Commission, through which a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon the concerned PIO of office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Pb., Division No. 02, Amritsar.

Last and final 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 him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission and last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 20.09.2021 passed by the Commission by depositing the penalty amount 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.

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.

A copy of this order be sent alongwith order dated 20.09.2021 through registered post to the Chief Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Pb., Patiala to ensure presence of the concerned PIO on the next date fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' and also to ensure compliance of the above announced order.

The case is adjourned to 21st June, 2022 (Tuesday) 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 : 28th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

The Chief Engineer,
O/o Water Supply & Sanitation, Pb.,
Patiala (Punjab)

Encl : Order dated 20.09.2021

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Yogesh Mahajan S/o Sh. Kuldip Raj Mahajan,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation, Pb.,
Division No. 01, Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Circle,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1649 of 2021

Present : Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, the appellant in person.
Sh. Manpreet Arshi, Executive Engineer, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 06.01.2021. First appeal is dated 08.02.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.03.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.12.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that he received a reply from the concerned PIO but no information was attached to it.
- ii) Neither the respondent nor his representative was present .
- iii) As the order dated 20.09.2021 sent in the name of the Public Information Officer office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation, Division No. 01, Bathinda was received back in the office of the Commission as 'undelivered' , last 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.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and 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.

Sh. Manpreet Arshi, Executive Engineer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant through registered post on 25.02.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no such information as stated above has been received by him from the respondent PIO.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant on 25.02.2022 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

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 on 25.02.2022 and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 22nd June, 2022 (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 : 28th February, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
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