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Sanjeev Thakur,

Village - Gudha Khurd,

P.O. Madhopur Cantt. - 145024

Tehsil - Pathankot,

Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

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

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4644 of 2019

Present: Sh. Sanjeev Thakur, the appellant in person.

Sh. Ravinder Singh, Section Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Date: 28th June, 2021

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

The RTI request is dated 09.09.2019. First appeal is dated 15.10.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.03.2021, Sh. Ravinder Singh, Section Officer, stated that available information was supplied to the appellant in person during his visit to office and he also given acknowledgment dated 18.01.2021. An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant in response to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Ravinder Singh, Section Officer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that complete information consisting of around 1300 pages has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1401 dated 18.06.2021 as per official record through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1402 dated 18.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13705 dated 23.06.2021. It, alongwith a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has received the information on 25.06.2021 and seeks an adjournment in this case so that deficiencies, if any, could be pointed out.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, Ward Number 18, Street Number 02, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna – 141401, District – Ludhiana (Punjab)

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 683 of 2019

Present: Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.

Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

V/s

The RTI request is dated 18.12.2018. First appeal is dated 07.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.02.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.03.2021,

- Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, stated that available information was supplied to the appellant and part information is not found traceable in the officerecord.
- The appellant stated that incomplete information was given to him.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 01.04.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to collect the remaining information.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the remaining information, regarding tender register and G-25 register, to the appellant during his visit to office on 01.04.2021 at 03:00 P. M. and take acknowledgement of having received the requisite information.
- v) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that copy of Tender Register has not been given to him and incomplete information has been given regarding G-25 Register. He also states that he has visited the office of the respondent on 01.04.2021 to identify the required information but no information (identified by him) has been given to him till date.

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Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that available information has already been supplied to the appellant and a reply dated 26.06.2021 has been given for the part information, which is not found traceable in the office-record. He also intimates the Commission that a reply, in an affidavit, has been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 26.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the remaining information, regarding tender register and G-25 register, to the appellant. If any information is not found available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) would file a reply, in writing, in an affidavit, stating that the required information is not found traceable in the official record.

After examining the reply dated 26.06.2021sent by the respondent, it emerges that he has sent a joint reply in the above-said case and other two cases i. e. A. C. No. 684 of 2019 and A. C. No. 2209 of 2019 fixed for today before the Bench of the undersigned. He is directed to file a separate reply mentioning the particular query/queries raised through RTI request, in each case mentioning case number and send the same(affidavit) in original to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

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

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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V/s

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, Ward Number 18, Street Number 02, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna – 141401, District – Ludhiana (Punjab)

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority O/o The Regional Deputy Director, **Urban Local Government Punjab,** Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 684 of 2019

Present: Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.

Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. The RTI request is dated 18.12.2018. First appeal is dated 07.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.02.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.03.2021,

- i) Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, stated that available information was supplied to the appellant and part information is not found traceable in the officerecord.
- ii) The appellant, stated that incomplete information was given to him.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 01.04.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to collect the remaining information.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the remaining information and take acknowledgement of having received the requisite information.
- v) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that that he has visited the office of the respondent on 01.04.2021 to identify the required information but no information (identified by him) has been given to him till date.

Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that available information has already been supplied to the appellant and a reply dated 26.06.2021 has been given for the part information, which is not found traceable in the office-record. He also intimates the Commission that a reply, in an affidavit, has been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 26.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the remaining information, to the appellant. If any information is not found available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) would file a reply, in writing, in an affidavit, stating that the required information is not found traceable in the official record.

After examining the reply dated 26.06.2021 sent by the respondent, it emerges that he has sent a joint reply in the above-said case and other two cases i. e. A. C. No. 683 of 2019 and A. C. No. 2209 of 2019 fixed for today before the Bench of the undersigned. He is directed to file a separate reply mentioning the particular query/queries raised through RTI request, in each case mentioning case number and send the same(affidavit) in original to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

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

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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.....Appellant

Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2209 of 2018

Present: Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.

Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

V/s

The RTI request is dated 23.01.2018. First appeal is dated 04.03.2018. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.07.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.03.2021, Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, stated that available information was supplied to the appellant and part information is not found traceable in the office-record. The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, stated that incomplete information was given to him. An opportunity was given to the appellant to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 01.04.2021 at 03:00 P. M. to collect the remaining information. The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the remaining information at point no. 01 and 03 of the RTI request, to the appellant during his visit to office on 01.04.2021 at 03:00 P. M. and take acknowledgement of having received the requisite information. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to send/file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that that he has visited the office of the respondent on 01.04.2021 to identify the required information but no information (identified by him) has been given to him till date.

Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that available information has already been supplied to the appellant and a reply dated 26.06.2021 has been given for the part information at point no. 01 and 03 of the RTI request, which is not found traceable in the office-record. He also intimates the Commission that a reply, in an affidavit, has been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 26.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

After examining the reply dated 26.06.2021 sent by the respondent, it emerges that he has sent a joint reply in the above-said case and other two cases i. e. A. C. No. 683 of 2019 and A. C. No. 2209 of 2019 fixed for today before the Bench of the undersigned. He is directed to file a separate reply mentioning the particular query/queries raised through RTI request, in each case mentioning case number and send the same(affidavit) in original to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia alleges that the respondent PIO is harassing him deliberately and causing the delay in supplying the requisite information to him. He also demands that penal action should be taken against the concerned respondent-PIO as per provisions of the RTI Act.

When asked, Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, that in whose custody the relevant office-record was lying when the RTI application was moved, he (Sh. Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer) states that he was not the PIO when the RTI application was moved and Sh. Ranbir Singh was Executive Officer during that period and is now posted as Assistant Commissioner office of Municipal Corporation, Patiala, whereas, the appellant states that Sh. Rajeev Kumar Sharma was PIO when the RTI application was moved.

Heard the parties.

Nevertheless, a copy of this order alongwith a copy to RTI request be sent through registered post to Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, with the advice to send a status-report to the Commission intimating that who was the concerned PIO in this particular case, when the RTI application dated 23.01.2018 was moved by the applicant and what action has been taken against the official concerned in whose custody the official record, which has gone missing, was lying.

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Regd. Post) The Director,

Local Government, Punjab,

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Patiala (Punjab)

....Appellant

i) Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o The Director,

Technical Education and Industrial Training, Pb.,

Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

ii) Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o Punjab State Board of Technical Education

and Industrial Training, Pb., Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Director,

Technical Education and Industrial Training, Pb.,

Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 258 of 2020

V/s

Present: Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate 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 15.05.2019. First appeal is dated 07.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.03.2021,

- i) Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate, (representative of the appellant) stated that the appellant had not received proper reply from the concerned respondent PIOs.
- ii) Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director-cum-PIO(I T Wing), stated that a reply, in the shape of an affidavit, was sent to the Commission vide letter no. 194 dated 30.03.2021.
- iii) Ms. Naresh Komal, Deputy Director-cum-PIO (Academics) of office of Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training, stated that a reply, in an affidavit, was sent to the Commission vide letter no. 841 dated 25.03.2021.
- iv) Both the representatives of the respondent (i) office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training and ii) office of Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training, have stated that a reply, in an affidavit, was sent to the Commission.
- v) The representative of the appellant has shown his dissatisfaction over the supplied information/reply given by the respondents.
- vi) An opportunity was given to the parties (appellant himself and above-mentioned respondents) to be present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date fixed for hearing so that facts of this case could be cleared.

Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, in today's hearing, states that the appellant has not received proper reply from the concerned respondent PIOs.

The respondent PIO has sent a reply vide letter no. Spl. 01 dated 25.06.2021 signed by State Public Information Officer office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Chandigarh, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, intimating that due to strike of employees, work of concerned branches is not functional and staff members of respondent's office are not able to attend hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the parties (appellant himself and above-mentioned respondents i. e. (i) office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training and ii) office of Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training) to be present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-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 them through registered post.

The case is <u>adjourned to 13th September, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Kuldeep Singh S/o Sh. Gurnam Singh, C/o Sh. Nikhil Batta, Advoate, Chamber No. 543, Yadvindra Court Complex, Patiala(Punjab)

....Appellant

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Public Information Officer, i) O/o The Director, **Technical Education** & Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

ii) **Public Information Officer**, O/o The Director. Treasury and Accounts, Planning Bhawan, Sector-33A,

Chandigarh (U.T.)

iii) **Public Information Officer,** O/o Technical Education

(Regd. Post) & Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab Technical Education – 1 Branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat - 2, Sector 9, Chandigarh (U.T.)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Director, **Technical Education** & Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab (IT Wing) Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 259 of 2020

V/s

Present:

Sh. Kuldeep Singh, the appellant in person alongwith Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate. Ms. Gurvinder, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO (Tech. Edu.-1 Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 13.05.2019. First appeal is dated 07.12.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.03.2021,

- i) Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director, stated that whatever information relates to office of Technical Education, was supplied to the appellant and part information at point no. 04 to 09 of the RTI request, relates with office of Director, Treasury and Accounts and part information at point no. 03 of the RTI request relates with branch of Technical Education - 1.
- ii) He(Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director) also intimated the Commission that a letter was sent to the office of office of Director, Treasury and Accounts, Punjab, Chandigarh vide letter no. 187-88 dated 25.03.2021 and also a letter was sent to the office of office of branch of Technical Education - 1 vide letter no. 190-91 dated 25.03.2021. A letter was also been sent to the appellant for intimation vide letter no. 193 dated 25.03.2021.

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- iii) Accordingly, a copy of the order was sent to PIO/PIOs concerned of the above-said offices i. e. office of i) Director, Treasury and Accounts and ii) Branch of Technical Education 1, alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information (whichever query/queries relates to their office) to the appellant through registered post at his residential address with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was also given to the parties (appellant himself and above-mentioned respondents) to be present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The appellant, Sh. Kuldeep Singh who appeared in person alongwith Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate, in today's hearing, states that he has not received complete information from the concerned respondent PIOs.

Ms. Gurvinder, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO (Tech. Edu.-1 Branch), who appeared on behalf of the respondent, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter 22.04.2021 and again vide letter dated 18.06.2021 through registered post. She also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 18.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13295 dated 21.06.2021. It is taken on record.

The respondent State Public Information Officer office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Chandigarh, has sent a reply vide letter no. Spl. 01 dated 25.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that due to strike of employees, work of concerned branches is not functional and staff members of respondent's office are not able to attend hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the parties (appellant or his representative and above-mentioned respondents i. e. (i) office of Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training and ii) Director, Treasury and Accounts and iii) Branch of Technical Education – 1, to be present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-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 them through registered post.

The case is <u>adjourned to 13th September, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Ms. Shobha Sharma C/o Dr. Bishamber Dass, Mohalla Sekhan.

Sujanpur, Tehsil & Distt. - Pathankot(Punjab)

....Complainant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,

Sujanpur, Distt. – Pathankot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 86 of 2020

V/s

Present: None on behalf of the complainant.

None 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.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.03.2021, Sh. Suman Kumar, Superintendent, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 19.03.2021. The complainant could not make herself available during the proceedings of the instant appeal case but Sh. Rama Kant (husband of the appellant) through telephonic communication, has intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been given to the appellant as copy of order through which the meeting to be held on 28.06.2019 was postponed and copies of ACRs for the period from the year 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 01.05.2019 to 31.10.2019, have not been supplied till date. Another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the remaining information, after removing the deficiencies to the appellant. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to send a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

Neither the appellant nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the remaining information, which was sent to the appellant(after removing the deficiencies) to the Commission to establish the fact that order of the Commission passed vide orders dated 31.03.2021 has been complied with.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received complete information from the respondent PIO or not.

Another opportunity is also given to the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative, on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that the facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 8th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u>

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

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Chamber No. 506, Yadvindra Court Complex,

Patiala (Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary

O/o The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,

Department of Technical Education and

Industrial Training, Punjab, Sector 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,

Date: 28th June. 2021

O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,

Department of Technical Education and

Industrial Training, Punjab, Sector 9, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 160 of 2020

Present: Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Attinder Pal Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO(Tech. Edu. - I Branch), for respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 08.02.2019. First appeal is dated 01.12.2019. Second appeal has

been received in the Commission on 31.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 31.03.2021,

- i) Sh. Attinder Pal Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO(Tech. Edu. I Branch), stated that during the inspection of the official record, the appellant demanded additional information other than the information demanded through RTI request.
- ii) An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to supply certified copies of the required information as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request only, to the appellant within five days.
- lf any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to send a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar, in today's hearing, states that the appellant has not received complete information from the concerned respondent PIO.

Sh. Attinder Pal Singh, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO(Tech. Edu. - I Branch), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that available information has been given to the appellant.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to file a reply, in writing, under his signature, stating that whatever information is available in the official record, has been supplied to the appellant and no other information apart from the information supplied, is available in the official record. He is also directed to send the same to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

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

The case is <u>adjourned to 13th September, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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Patiala (Punjab)

...Complainant

Versus **Public Information Officer**

> O/o The Director, **Technical Education**

& Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 684 of 2018

Present: Sh. J. M. Singh, Advocate, on behalf of the complainant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

(Regd. Post)

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

The RTI request is dated 21.04.2018. The complaint has been received in the

Commission on 22.06.2018.

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ORDER

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