PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH. Helpline No- 0172-2864100 Phone No- 0172-2864120 Email: <u>psicci31@punjabmail.govin</u> Visit us-<u>www.infocommpunjab.com</u> Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



**Sh. Sukhdev Singh, S/o Sh. Ujagar Singh,** R/o Village Bartana, Tehsil Derabassi, District S.A.S Nagar **M: 99152-15347** 

**Public Information Officer**,

**O/o** The SDO, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Dera Bassi, District S.A.S Nagar. V/s.

Respondent

Complainant

## <u>Complaint Case No. 815 of 2021</u> {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

**Present**: The Complainant, Sh. Sukhdev Singh is present in the office of the Commission. None is present from the Department.

#### ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 09.03.2021 and the date of Complaint filled in the Commission is 25.06.2021.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Sukhdev Singh states that no information or letter has been supplied to him and further requests for the same.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that an email dated 23.09.2021 has been received in the Commission from the Department's end vide which a letter vide endorsement number 1497 dated 22.09.2021 is attached, to which the concerned PIO is directed to file a proper reply relating to the Appellant's RTI.

After going through the email dated 23.09.2021 of the concerned department, the concerned PIO is advised to supply the requisite information relating to the RTI application to the Complainant by registered post or through email **within 2 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information is not available with them then the <u>PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason,</u> why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant relating to remaining points till date.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Complainant, Sh. Sukhdev Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 13.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 13.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 28.09.2021

**P.S.:** The Sub Divisional Officer, Sh. Harveer Singh, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Derbassi appeared before the Commission's office at Sector 16, Chandigarh after the hearing was over and he was apprised of the above said order.

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#### Sh. Gurmeet Singh, S/o Sh. Lal Singh,

R/o Village Kikar Khera, Tehsil Abohar, District Fazilka. **M: 98762-69776** 

Public Information Officer,O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,Punjab Police, Sangrur, Tehsil and District Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority, O/o** The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Punjab Police, Patiala Range, Patiala.

## <u>Appeal Case No. 2984 of 2021</u> {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

**Present** : The Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is present.

Sh. Kuldeep Singh, ASI, RTI Incharge is present from the Department.

ORDER: <u>The date of RTI Application is 10.03.2021, the date First Appeal is 17.05.2021 and the date of Appeal</u> filled in the Commission is 30.06.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh states that the information which has been supplied to him is not relevant with his RTI Application. He further mentions about his email dated 24.09.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh mentions that this information has been given in a similar case number 1400 of 2020 heard by some other bench and further states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and mentions about letter number 25.09.2021 whose copy of the same has been sent to the Commission by email dated 25.09.2021 which is taken on record.

After going through the case file, the ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh is directed to look into this matter thoroughly and provide the requisite information to the Appellant at the time of his visit.

After having the discussion with the parties, the Appellant is directed to visit on 05.10.2021 at 12.00 Noon at the office of Sh. Kuldeep Singh, ASI, RTI Incharge and meet him personally for collecting the requisite information (except mobile number) after identifying the same as per the RTI Application.

If the information is not available with the concerned department, then the concerned PIO is directed to submit the same in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

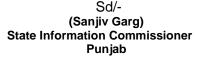
If the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the information then it will be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the inspection could not took place from the Department's end then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned as well as against the ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh.

This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 28.09.2021





Appellant

Respondent

V/s.

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#### Sh. Ajay Kumar,

# 1 , Rose Avenue Colony,
Near Improvement Trust Office, Malerkotla.
M: 98153-53588, email id: ajaygarg887@gmail.com

Public Information Officer,

**O/o** The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Ranbir Club, Sangrur.

#### First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The Superintending Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Near Baran Khuha, Patiala.

## **Appeal Case No. 2833 of 2021**

V/s.

## {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Ajay Kumar is present.

Sh. Simranjeet Singh, JE is present from the Department.

### ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 08.10.2020, the date First Appeal is NIL and the date of Appeal filled in the Commission is 15.06.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ajay Kumar states that he has received the information but except point number 03 and 06 of the RTI Application, further requests for the same.

On the other hand, the JE, Sh. Simranjeet Singh states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant vide letter dated 18.11.2020 then again on 22.01.2021.

On further discussing with the parties, the JE, Sh. Simranjeet Singh further mentions that no fees has been deposited by the Colonizer and the reply may be given by the EO as the concerned amount has been deposited under the observation of EO.

After going through the case file, the JE, Sh. Simranjeet Singh is directed to look into this matter thoroughly and provide the remaining information to the Appellant at the time of his visit.

After having the discussion with the parties, I am of the view that the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on 30.09.2021 at 12.00 Noon at the concerned office and meet JE, Sh. Simranjeet Singh personally for collecting the requisite information after identifying the same as per the RTI Application.

If the information is not available with the concerned department, then the concerned PIO is directed to submit the same in writing in the form of an affidavit explaining with the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date.

If the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the information then it will be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the inspection could not took place from the Department's end then a strict action would be taken against the PIO concerned as well as against the JE, Sh. Simranjeet Singh.

This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 28.09.2021

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Appellant

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The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

## Sh. Pankaj Bansal, S/o Sh. Surinder Kumar, R/o Ward Number 01, Sangar Patti Road,

Dhanaula, District Barnala (148105) M: 8699080048

V/s.

#### (Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**, **O/o** The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dhanaula, District Barnala. (148105)

Present :

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority, **O/o** The Regional Deputy Director, Local Government. Mini Secretariat, Block -A, Patiala (Punjab). **Appeal Case No. 2838 of 2021** 

> {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software } The Appellant, Sh. Pankaj Bansal is present.

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Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

None is present from the Department. **ORDER:** 

The date of RTI Application is 23.11.2020, the date of First Appeal is 25.01.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 21.06.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Pankaj Bansal states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

None is present from the Department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as the information is still not supplied to the Appellant and today the concerned Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Dhanaula, District Barnala, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email within 2 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission) and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

Appellant



## Appeal Case No. 2838 of 2021 {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software } 2/2



The O/o Regional Deputy Director, Local Government, Patiala (Punjab) is directed to look into this matter and assure that the PIO will comply the above said order and PIO should appear personally on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software. A copy of this order be sent to the O/o Regional Deputy Director, Local Government, Patiala (Punjab) through registered post.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Pankaj Bansal is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

## This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 28.09.2021

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Show Cause:

- (Regd. Post) O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Local Government, Mini Secretariat, Room No.409, Block –A, Patiala (Punjab).

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Appellant

#### Sh. Gurnam Singh, S/o Sh. Joginder Singh,

**R/o** Village Todarwal, PO Babarpur, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala (**M: 99154-07584**)

V/s.

# (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Sub Divisional Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Sub Division, Nabha. (Duladi) Pin Code: 147201.

#### First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Sub Division, Patiala.

### <u>Appeal Case No. 2841 of 2021</u>

#### {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

**Present**: The Appellant, Sh. Gurnam Singh is present. Sh. Khushpal Singh is present from the Department.

#### ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 01.02.2021, the date of First Appeal is 12.03.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 21.06.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Gurnam Singh states that the information relating to point number 01, 02, 03, 04 and 10 is pending and information relating to point number 05, 06, 07, 08 and 09 is incomplete in nature.

On the other hand, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Khushpal Singh is connected through Cisco Webex but he was not audible during the proceeding of this present case.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the Respondent / PIO and the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

#### A copy of this order be sent to the PIO concerned through registered post.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Gurnam Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 28.09.2021

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#### Sh. Resham Singh, S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh,

R/o Village Swaddi Khurd, PO Bodhalwala, Tehsil Jagraon, District Ludhiana **M: 98777797182** 

#### **Public Information Officer**,

**O/o** The Director Local Bodies, Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

#### First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The Director, Local Bodies, Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

### <u>Appeal Case No. 2884 of 2021</u>

V/s.

#### {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

**Present** : The Appellant, Sh. Resham Singh is present. Sh. Asish Kumar, PIO is present from the Department. **ORDER:** 

The date of RTI Application is 18.03.2021, the date of First Appeal is 30.04.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 23.06.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Resham Singh states that no information has been supplied to him and further requests for the same.

On the other hand, the PIO, Sh. Ashish Kumar states that the Appellant is asking for the personal information if a 3<sup>rd</sup> person i.e. about Sh. Sukhdev Singh Randhawa, Executive Officer, At present ADC (UD) Kapurthala. He further states that Sh. Sukhdev Singh Randhawa has written that the he does not give his consent for disclosing his information vide letter dated 24.09.2021. He further mentions about emails dated 23.09.2021 and another email dated 24.09.2021 which has been sent to the Commission, which is taken on record.

On further discussing with the Appellant, Sh. Resham Singh his motive for gathering this information which found in respect of public interest as explained by the Appellant.

After having the pointwise discussion with the parties, an opportunity is given to the Respondent / PIO and the concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information upto the date of RTI application i.e. 18.03.2021 ( **point wise reply except for point number ' f ' and ' h ' of the RTI Application**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Resham Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Appellant

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**Sh. Nasib Singh, S/o Sh. Bahal Singh,** R/o Village Tutwala, Tehsil Abohar,

District Fazilka. (Punjab) M: 90232-90946

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
 O/o The Executive Engineer,
 Water Supply and Sanitation Department,
 Near Raja Bajaj, Children's Park, Hanuman Garg Road,
 Abohar.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,
 O/o The Superintending Engineer,
 Water Supply and Sanitation Department,
 Sri Muktsar Sahib.

## <u> Appeal Case No. 2940 of 2021</u>

V/s.

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

**Present**: The Appellant, Sh. Nasib SIngh is present. None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 19.02.2021, the date of First Appeal is 07.05.2021 and the date of

Appeal filed in the Commission is 28.06.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Nasib Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

None is present from the Department.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as the information is still not supplied to the Appellant and today the concerned Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Abohar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the informationseeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by registered post or email within 2 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission) and <u>if the information is not</u> <u>available with them or it cannot be supplied by the PIO then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in</u> <u>the form of an affidavit explaining the reason</u>, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant <u>till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.</u>

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.



Appellant

## Appeal Case No. 2940 of 2021 {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software } 2/2



The O/o Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Sri Muktsar Sahib is directed to look into this matter and assure that the PIO will comply the above said order and <u>PIO should appear personally on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through</u> <u>Cisco Webex Meeting Software for clarifying the facts of this case.</u> A copy of this order be sent to O/o The Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Sri Muktsar Sahib through registered post.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Nasib Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

## This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 28.09.2021

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Show Cause:

| (Regd. Post) | Public Information Officer,             |
|--------------|---|
|              | <b>O/o</b> The Executive Engineer,      |
|              | Water Supply and Sanitation Department, |
|              | Abohar.                                 |
|              | {Encl. RTI Application}                 |
| CC:          |   |
| (Regd. Post) | <b>O/o</b> The Superintending Engineer, |
|              | Water Supply and Sanitation Department, |

Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Dated: 28.09.2021

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#### Smt. Harjit Kaur, W/o Sh. Gurdeep Singh,

House No. 107, Ward No. 02, Anaj Mandi, Kurali, District Mohali. **M: 90410-62481** 

#### **Public Information Officer**,

**O/o** The Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Fatehgarh Sahib.

#### First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Nabha Road, Patiala.

## <u>Appeal Case No. 3122 of 2021</u> {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

Present : The Appellant, Smt. Harjit Kaur is absent.

Sh. Fazarneer Singh, JE is present from the Department.

#### ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 08.03.2021, the date of First Appeal is 09.04.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 08.07.2021.

V/s.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Smt. Harjit Kaur disconnected from Cisco Webex while hearing of this present case gets started.

On the other hand, the JE, Sh. Fazarneer Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant vide letter dated 24.09.2021 and a copy of the same has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 28.09.2021, which is taken on record.

An email dated 22.09.2021 from the Appellant, Smt. Harjit Kaur requests for transferring the case to the Bench of Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Khushwant Singh as a another case is going on at the bench of Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Khushwant Singh and she wants same date of hearing in both the cases from a single bench.

## <u>The request of the Appellant, Smt. Harjit Kaur has been denied, as the information has been supplied</u> to her by the department.

In view of above, an opportunity is given the Appellant, Smt. Harjit Kaur and she is directed to go through the supplied information, once she receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively **only if Appellant would point out deficiencies to the department well in time.** 

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.



Appellant

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Sh. Charanjit Singh, S/o Palwinder Singh, R/o H. No. 101, Spice Tower Street, Palahi Gate, Phagwara. M: 93175-17633

#### **Public Information Officer**,

**O/o** The District Project Director –cum-District Education Officer (Elementary Education), Kapurthala.

### <u>Complaint Case No. 795 of 2021</u> {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

**Present** : The Complainant, Sh. Charanjit Singh is present.

Ms. Harwinder Kaur, Legal Assistant is present from the Department. **ORDER:** 

The date of RTI Application is 08.04.2021 and the date of Complaint filled in the Commission is 21.06.2021.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Charanjit Singh states that he has received the information except for point number 04 of his RTI Application and requests for the same.

On the other hand, the Legal Assistant, Ms. Harwinder Kaur states that the reply to point number 04 has already been provided to the Complainant vide letter dated 05.07.2021 and the same has been sent to the Commission along with other documents vide email dated 22.09.2021, which is taken on record.

After going through the email dated 22.09.2021 of the concerned department, the concerned PIO is advised to supply the requisite information **properly** relating to the RTI application <u>(i.e. point number 04)</u> to the Complainant by registered post or through email **within 2 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information is not available with them then the <u>PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant relating to remaining points till date.</u>

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Complainant, Sh. Charanjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 28.09.2021

\* Information

Complainant

Respondent



V/s.

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH. Helpline No- 0172-2864100 Phone No- 0172-2864120 Email: <u>psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in</u> Visit us - <u>www.infocommpunjab.com</u> Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

#### Sh. Jagjit Singh, S/o Sh. Hukam Singh,

H. No. 459-A, Sector 61, Chandigarh.

**Public Information Officer**,

**O/o** The Director, Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh.

## <u>Complaint Case No. 461 of 2019</u> {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

V/s.

**Present** : The Complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh is present.

Ms. Daljeet Kaur, Additional Director, Sh. Kuldeep Singh, DCFA along with Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

#### ORDER:

<u>This case was last heard on 13.07.2021 vide which the Complainant was directed to visit the concerned</u> office on 16.07.2021 at 11.30 am positively and collect the information after identifying the same (as per the RTI <u>Application</u>).

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh states that no inspection has been done.

On the other hand, the Additional Director, Ms. Daljeet Kaur states that the information has to be supplied and they could not supply the service book. She further mentions about an email dated 28.09.2021 and another email dated 30.09.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

To which, the Complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh states that he has not requested for the service book.

On this, the DCFA, Sh. Kuldeep Singh states that the concerned entries are made at the service books only therefore they have not supplied the copy of the service book.

## <u>The DCFA, Sh. Kuldeep Singh is directed to write a proper reply (as per RTI Application) signed</u> by the PIO as said by him above and submit the same to the Complainant as well as to the Commission through email or registered post by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

The concerned PIO is also directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively <u>only if Appellant would point out deficiencies to</u> <u>the department well in time.</u>

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.



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#### Sh. Jagjit Singh, S/o Sh. Hukam Singh,

H. No. 459-A, Sector 61, Chandigarh.

V/s.

#### Complainant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

## <u>Complaint Case No. 459 of 2019</u>

#### <u>{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }</u>

**Present**: The Complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh is present.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

#### ORDER:

This case was last heard on 13.07.2021 vide which the Complainant was directed to visit the concerned office

on 16.07.2021 at 11.30 am positively and collect the information after identifying the same (as per the RTI Application).

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh states that incomplete information has been supplied to him.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar states that the information which relates to their office has already been supplied to the Complainant and information relating to point number 3, 5 and 6 has to be supplied by the O/o Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Technical Education – 1 Branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat – 2, Sector 9, Chandigarh. He further mentions about an email dated 28.09.2021 which has been sent to the Commission vide which annexure dated 21.06.2021 and others are attached, which is taken on record.

In view of above, the O/o Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Technical Education – 1 Branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat – 2, Sector 9, Chandigarh be impleaded as a necessary party and further the PIO O/o Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Technical Education – 1 Branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat – 2, Sector 9, Chandigarh is directed to supply the requisite information relating to point number 03, 05 and 06 to the Appellant by the next date of hearing through email or registered post. A copy of the RTI Application along with a copy of order be sent to the PIO O/o Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Technical Education – 1 Branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat – 2, Sector 9, Chandigarh to comply with the above said orders.

Also, the Complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

The concerned PIO's are also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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#### Dated: 28.09.2021

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Technical Education – 1 Branch, Punjab Civil Secretariat – 2, Sector 9, Chandigarh. Encl. RTI Application

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#### Sh. Gurmeet Singh, S/o Late Sh. Darshan Singh,

Village Badal, Tehsil Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib H. No. 459-A, Sector 61, Chandigarh.

V/s.

#### Complainant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

### <u>Complaint Case No. 1008 of 2019</u> {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

**Present** : The Complainant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is present.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

<u>This case was last heard on 13.07.2021 vide which the Complainant was advised to confirm whether</u> he has received the information / reply or not.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh states that incomplete information has been supplied to him. He further mentions about an email dated 23.09.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record. He further requests the Court for the covering letter of the concerned list and attested copies 4 concerned pages.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar states that the information which relates with the Head Quarter level has already been supplied and the information which relates at the Institute level is pending only.

After discussing with both the parties, the concerned PIO is advised to supply the attested copies of requisite information **properly** relating to the RTI application to the Complainant by registered post or through email **within 2 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information is not available with them then the <u>PIO is advised to file a proper reply (as mentioned above) in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant relating to remaining points till date.</u>

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Complainant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Dated: 28.09.2021

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#### Sh. Rajinder Singh, S/o Sh. Om Kumar,

VPO Kot Fatuhi, Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshisrpur (144519) M: 8288869307 V/s.

#### **Public Information Officer**,

**O/o** The Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B & R, Amritsar.

#### (Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle, PWD B & R. Amritsar.

#### Respondent

## <u> Appeal Case No. 2264 of 2020</u>

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

**Present** : The Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Singh is absent.

None is present from the Department.

#### ORDER:

This case was last heard on 13.07.2021 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO and the PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing and further the PIO was directed to appear personally in the Commission on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex i.e. today but he is absent today without any intimation to the Commission.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Singh is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

On the other hand, the Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

<u>Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as the show cause</u> notice was issued to the concerned PIO vide order 13.07.2021 but still the concerned PIO is absent and no one appear today from the department for clarifying the facts of this case.

After seeing the conduct of the concerned respondent PIO and holding him guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned <u>Public Information Officer office of The Executive Engineer, Provincial Division,</u> <u>PWD B & R, Amritsar.</u>

A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO 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               |  |
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| 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-                              |  |
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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.

Final opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO concerned either to supply the certified copies of the requisite information through registered post or e-mail to the Appellant or file a point wise reply, in an affidavit, to

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Appellant

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each and every query, raised by the Appellant through his RTI request as per official record by the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing, failing which disciplinary action would be recommended against him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Applicant.

<u>The FAA O/o The Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle, PWD B & R, Amritsar is also</u> <u>directed to look into this matter and make assure that the orders of the Commission should be complied</u> <u>well in time. A copy of this order be sent to the FAA through registered post.</u>

An opportunity is also given to the Appellant to confirm whether he has received the information/reply or not. Also, the Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 28.09.2021

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CC:

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#### Sh. Bhupinder Singh Bedi, S/o Sh. Dhian Singh Bedi,

R/o 1-2, Fateh Singh Colony, Main Bharariwal Road, Amritsar. (Pin: 143009)

V/s.

#### **Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Astt. Labour Commissioner cum Project Director National Child Labour Schools, New Amritsar.

#### First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab, Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre, Sector 64, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali).

## <u>Appeal Case No. 2111 of 2020</u> {Heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software }

**Present**: The Appellant, Sh. Bhupinder Singh Bedi is present.

Sh. Santokh Singh, Assistant Labour Commissioner is present from the Department. **ORDER:** 

This case was last heard on 13.07.2021 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO and the PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant by the next date of hearing and further the PIO was directed to appear personally in the Commission on the next date of hearing through Cisco Webex i.e. today but he is absent today without any intimation to the Commission.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Bhupinder Singh Bedi states that the information relating to point number 3 and 4 of his RTI Application is pending only and further requests for the same.

On this, the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Sh. Santokh Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and further mentions about a letter number 165 dated 20.09.2021 which has been sent to the Commission, is taken on record.

After discussing with both the parties, the concerned PIO is directed to look into this matter again and supply the attested copies of requisite information **properly** relating to the RTI application (i.e. for point number 03 and 04) to the Appellant by registered post or through email **within 2 weeks positively (along with a copy to the Commission)** and if the information is not available with them then the <u>PIO is advised to file a proper reply</u> (as mentioned above) in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant relating to remaining points till date.

<u>The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which</u> information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Bhupinder Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 14.12.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.12.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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