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



Sh. Ravi Kant, S/o Sh. Sansari Lal,  
Krishna Bazar, Ward Number 04, Dhariwal.  
M: 96465-00396

**Appellant**

V/s.

Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
Sector 35-A, Plot Number 03, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
Sector 35-A, Plot Number 03, Chandigarh.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 133 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant is present.  
Sh. Rajiv Saggar, PIO from Chief Vigilance Cell along with  
Sh. Munish Kumar, Senior Assistant from General Branch is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 05.04.2021 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant after removing the deficiencies.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kant states that no information (i.e. relating to point number 2, 3 and 4 ) has been supplied to him after the last order passed by the Commission. In relating to this, he further mentions about an email dated 25.04.2021 and another email dated 03.05.2021 along with a letter dated 06.06.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, Sh. Rajiv Saggar requests the Court to exempt them from this present case, as this information relates with the General Branch and for the same, Sh. Munish Kumar, Senior Assistant is present and he will be representing this case.

On this, Sh. Munish Kumar, Senior Assistant from General Branch states that the Appellant is asking for the GPF funds and moreover this information is not available with them since this record is available at the Local Municipal Committee. Also, in another point he mentions that the rates of interest have been fixed by the Government and funds have been calculated as per the same rules / directions passed by the Government. He further states that in another point no such complaint / letter has been received by their Department and requests the Appellant if he would be able to forward the same to them through email by today.

After having the pointwise discussion with both the parties, I am of the view that Sh. Rajiv Saggar, PIO from Chief Vigilance Cell shall be exempted for further hearings relating to this present case and on the other hand, Sh. Sh. Munish Kumar, Senior Assistant assures that whatever information is available will be supplied to the Appellant accordingly.

In view of above, final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned either to supply the certified copies of the required information (**pointwise after removing the deficiencies**) through registered post or e-mail to the appellant or file a point wise reply, in an affidavit, to 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 an action could be recommend against the concerned PIO.

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Also, Ms. Sudha Rani, PIO –cum- Superintendent is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meetings Software. A copy of this order be sent to the PIO concerned through registered post.

Also, the Appellant 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 13.09.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and all the concerned parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 13.09.2021 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: 29.06.2021

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
Punjab

CC:

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
Ms. Sudha Rani, Superintendent –cum- PIO (General Branch),  
O/o The Director,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
Sector 35-A, Plot Number 03, Chandigarh.

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**Smt. Shanti,**  
**W/o Sh. Gopal Dass,**  
H. No. 249- B, Luxmi Bagh,  
Ward No. 14, Dhuri (Distt. Sangrur) Punjab

**Appellant**

**V/s.**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o The Deputy Commissioner,**  
Sangrur (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o The Deputy Commissioner,**  
Sangrur (Punjab)

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 171 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Smt. Shanti Along with her representative, Sh. Prem Rattan is present.  
Ms. Palwinder Kaur, Clerk is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 05.04.2021 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Prem Rattan states that the enquiry which was going on has been completed but the Appellant did not receive any copy of the same.

On the other hand, the Clerk, Ms. Palwinder Kaur states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant, Smt. Shanti and further mentions about a letter dated 07.04.2021 vide which information has been supplied. In relating to this, she further mentions about an email dated 28.06.2021 and 29.06.2021 which have been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

**In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on 29.06.2021 at 3.00 p.m. today positively for collecting the requisite information from the concerned department.**

On this, Ms. Palwinder Kaur assures that she would be available in the concerned office at Ground Floor at Room Number 15 when the Appellant will visit to collect the records.

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.

This case is adjourned to **13.09.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **all the concerned parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **13.09.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Sh. Krishan Kumar Singla, (98784-49195)**

H. No. 195 / 2, Sector 45 -A, Chandigarh.

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o The Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife),**

**Forest Complex, Sector 68, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)**

**First Appellate Authority,**

**O/o The Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife),**

**Forest Complex, Sector 68, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)**

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 1227 of 2020**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Krishan Kumar is present.

Ms. Gurvinder Kaur, Forest Guard (Mohali Division) is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 05.04.2021 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant and also a show cause notice was issued to the concerned PIO on the previous hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Krishan Kumar states that no information has been received by him from Mohali Division. He further mentions about an email dated 28.06.2021 which has been sent to the Commission and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the Forest Guard, Ms. Gurvinder Kaur states that the information has already been sent to the Appellant vide letter number 3426 dated 10.11.2020 and another letter number 5998 dated 04.02.2021.

**In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on 05.07.2021 at 11.00 A.M. positively for collecting the requisite information from the concerned department.**

On this, Ms. Gurvinder Kaur assures that she would be available in the concerned office when the Appellant will visit to collect the records.

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.

This case is adjourned to 13.09.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and all the concerned parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 13.09.2021 which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Sh. Jatinder Kumar,**  
C/o Sachkhand Mithan Bhandar,  
Nehru Gate, Nawanshaher (Punjab)

**Appellant**

V/s.

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

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

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 4280 of 2019**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jatinder Kumar is present.  
APIO, Sh. Harsh Kumar is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 05.04.2021 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant relating to point number 07 of the RTI Application.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jatinder Kumar states that the information relating to point number 07 has not been received by him. He further states that he visits at the concerned department on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 to collect the information as well but nobody attended him.

On the other hand, the APIO, Sh. Harsh Kumar states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant and further states that the Appellant did not visit at their concerned office on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

On asking to the APIO, if he would prove the same that the information has been supplied to the Appellant to which he was unable to produce any evidence in relating to this.

**Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as still information relating to point number 07 is still not supplied to the Appellant till date.**

**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, Municipal Council, Nawanshahr, 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.**

The concerned PIO is directed to supply the requisite information 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.

**(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Nawanshaher (Punjab)  
{Encl. RTI Application}**

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**Sh. Ravi Kumar, S/o Sh. Dharminder Kumar,**  
H. No. 107, Back Side Santpura Gurudware Sahib,  
Patiala Gate, Sangrur (Punjab)

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Secretary,  
Punjab Mandi Board,  
Sangrur. (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Director,  
Colonization Department Punjab,  
Kissan Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 2303 of 2020**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kumar is absent.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 05.04.2021 vide which both the parties were absent and the reply vide letter number 562 dated 05.08.2020 which has been sent to the Commission was also sent to the Appellant along with the previous order of the Commission.

In today's hearing, the Appellant and Respondent both are absent without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that the previous order which has been sent to the First Appellate Authority O/o The Director, Colonization Department Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh has been received back to the Commission with the comments 'Address Left', which is taken on record.

Also, an opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is directed to supply the requisite information 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. 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, last opportunity is given to the Appellant, Sh. Ravi Kumar and he 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, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits.

**This case is adjourned to 13.09.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and all the concerned parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 13.09.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Sh. Shallinder Singh, S/o Sh. Surinder Singh,**  
# 4 - E, Kailash Nagar, Fazilka (152123) (Punjab)

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Engineer (Civil),  
Punjab Mandi Board, Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Chief Engineer (North / South),  
Punjab Mandi Board, Mandi Bhawan,  
Sector 65, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) Punjab

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 2380 of 2020**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Shallinder Singh is present.  
Sh. Saurav Kumar, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 05.04.2021 vide which the Appellant was directed to go through the information and point out the deficiencies if any.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Shallinder Singh states that the information consisting of 64 pages and later again consisting of 174 pages have been received by him but the information relating to year from 2015 to 2017 has not received by him and moreover no information relating to Lakad Mandi and Sabji Mandi has been received by him.

On the other hand, Sh. Saurav Kumar, Senior Assistant states that no work has been done under Anaj Mandi and further verbally states that the Lakad Mandi and Sabji Mandi comes under 'Market Committee'.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is directed to supply the requisite information (**pointwise**) 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 (**as mentioned above by Sh. Saurav Kumar**) in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant 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 Appellant, Sh. Shallinder 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, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits.

**This case is adjourned to 14.09.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and all the concerned parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.09.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Sh. Kuldip Kumar Kaura,**  
H. No. 5-C, Phase -1,  
Urban Estate, Focal Point, Ludhiana (141010)

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
(Zone- B), Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
(Zone- B), Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 234 of 2020**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Kuldip Kumar Kaura is absent.  
None is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 05.04.2021 vide which the Respondent / PIO was directed to supply the information to the Appellant.

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

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

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is directed to supply the requisite information 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.

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, last opportunity is given to the Appellant, Sh. Kuldip Kumar and he 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, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits.

**This case is adjourned to 14.09.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and all the concerned parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 14.09.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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**Sh. Rohit Sabharwal,**  
Kundan Bhawan, 126,  
Model Gram, Ludhiana (Punjab)  
Pin: 141002

**Appellant**

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
The Chief Vigilance Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
The Chief Vigilance Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 78 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabharwal is absent.  
Sh. Rajiv Saggur, PIO from Chief Vigilance Cell is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 05.04.2021 vide which an opportunity is given to the Appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabharwal is absent but an email dated 24.06.2021 sent by the representative of the Appellant, Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur has been received in the Commission vide which it has been written that they have to visit today i.e. 29.06.2021 at the office of DEO, Ludhiana for inspection relating to some other cases.

The PIO, Sh. Rajiv Saggur requests the Court if the Appellant would visit at their concerned office to collect the specific record as per the RTI Application.

**In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on 27.07.2021 at 11.00 a.m. positively for collecting the specific information as per the RTI Application from the concerned department.**

On this, PIO Sh. Rajiv Saggur assures that he would be available in the concerned office when the Appellant will visit to collect the records.

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.

This case is adjourned to **14.09.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **all the concerned parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **14.09.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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Pin: 141002

**Appellant**

V/s.

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The Chief Vigilance Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
The Chief Vigilance Officer,  
O/o The Director,  
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

**Respondent**

**Appeal Case No. 80 of 2021**

**{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabharwal is absent.  
Sh. Rajiv Saggur, PIO from Chief Vigilance Cell is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 05.04.2021 vide which an opportunity is given to the Appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabharwal is absent but an email dated 24.06.2021 sent by the representative of the Appellant, Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur has been received in the Commission vide which it has been written that they have to visit today i.e. 29.06.2021 at the office of DEO, Ludhiana for inspection relating to some other cases.

The PIO, Sh. Rajiv Saggur requests the Court if the Appellant would visit at their concerned office to collect the specific record as per the RTI Application.

**In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on 27.07.2021 at 11.00 a.m. positively for collecting the specific information as per the RTI Application from the concerned department.**

On this, PIO Sh. Rajiv Saggur assures that he would be available in the concerned office when the Appellant will visit to collect the records.

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.

This case is adjourned to **14.09.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** and **all the concerned parties** are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. **14.09.2021** which is going to be heard through **Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.**

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