



Nathu Ram Sihag
S/o Sh. Mahavir Sihag,
Village – Taja Patti,
Tehsil – Abohar – 152122,
Distt. - Fazilka(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab,
Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

Encl: RTI Request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary
to Government of Punjab
Department of Rural Development
and Panchayats, Punjab,
Pb. Mini Secretariat,
Sector 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 853 of 2022

Present : Sh. Nathu Ram Sihag, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 21.12.2020. First appeal is dated 29.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.02.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Nathu Ram Sihag, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information given to him by the respondent PIO is not proper, moreover, not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 3620 dated 13.04.2022 signed by Incharge(Complaint Branch), which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 7645 dated 13.04.2022, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been given to the appellant through vide letter no. 5944 dated 02.09.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

As neither the respondent PIO has sent any intimation regarding his non availability nor supplied complete information to the information seeker even after a period of more than one year, the Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali) as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be present with the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 31st August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

Encl: RTI Request

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Ram Murti Sharma,
Sandhu Colony,
Jalandhar Road,
Mehta Chowk,
Amritsar (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development and
Panchayat Officer,
Tarsikka, Distt. - Amritsar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate ,
Baba Bakala Sahib,
Distt - Amritsar(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 866 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 09.09.2021. First appeal is dated 11.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.02.2022.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Ram Murti Sharma nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability.

The respondent PIO has not intimated about the fact whether the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant or not.

The appellant has also not sent any intimation whether he received the requisite information or not .

Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2022 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Suresh Aggarwal,
2585/2-A, Jagat Nagar,
Basti Jodhewal,
Ludhiana - 141007(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 875 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Seema, Project Co-ordinator office of Samagar Shiksha Abhiyaan, Ludhiana,
on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 30.09.2021. First appeal is dated 18.11.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.02.2022.

The appellant, Sh. Suresh Aggarwal is not present in today's hearing.

Ms. Seema, Project Co-ordinator office of Samagar Shiksha Abhiyaan, Ludhiana,
who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information
demanded through RTI request is 18 years old and forwarded to concerned Blocks of the District.
She also intimates that information at point no. 05 and 06 is 'voluminous' in nature.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to
inspect the relevant official record on 29.07.2022 at 11:00 A. M. to specify the required information
at point no. 05 and 06 of the RTI request.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant during his visit
to the office on 29.07.2022 at 11:00 A. M. and supply the required information (specified by
appellant at point no. 05 and 06) to the appellant. He is also directed to supply the certified
copies of the information (which relates to other Blocks of District), after collecting the same from
the concerned Block/Blocks, to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the
Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received
the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to
him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the
respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 17th October, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Madan Lal S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
Village – Dhar, P. O. – Talwara,
Ward No. - 03, Tehsil – Mukerian,
Distt. – Hoshiarpur - 144216 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- (Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Talwara(Punjab)
- (Regd. Post) ii) The Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat,
Village Dhaar,
Block Talwara(Punjab)
- Encl : RTI request
- (Regd. Post) iii) The A. P. O.,
Gram Panchayat,
MGNREGA, Block Talwara(Punjab)
- Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 876 of 2022

Present : Sh. Madan Lal, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 06.09.2021. First appeal is dated 13.10.2021. Second appeal has
been received in the Commission on 15.02.2022.

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

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent
PIO through a reply vide letter no. 2469 dated 14.09.2021 signed by Block Development and Panchayat
Officer, Talwara, has transferred the RTI request of the appellant, Sh. Madan Lal under Section 6 (3) of the
RTI Act to Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat of village Dhaar and A.P.O., MGNREGA, Block Talwara,
hence, PIO of office of Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat of village Dhaar be impleaded as necessary
party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the
directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by
him in his RTI request, by the next date of hearing. He is directed to represent this case in person or through
his representative on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order also be sent to .P.O., MGNREGA, Block
Talwara with the directions to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the
information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to
the respondent PIO well in time.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to represent this
case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed.

The case is adjourned to 6th July, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court
Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Balvir S/o Sh. Jagir,
Village – Bhullan,
Tehsil – Moonak,
Distt. – Sangrur - 148027(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Anndana at Moonak,
Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 885 of 2022

Present : Sh. Balvir, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Jagtar Singh, Computer Operator ;
ii) Sh. Dalbir Singh, Village Development Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 21.10.2021. First appeal is dated 09.12.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.02.2022.

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

Sh. Jagtar Singh, Computer Operator and Sh. Dalbir Singh, Village Development Officer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, state that B.D.P.O.-cum-PIO could not attend today's hearing because of his preoccupation with the Gram Panchayat Elections and seek an adjournment in this case and a reply, signed by B.D.P.O.-cum-PIO, Anndana at Moonak, has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 668 dated 28.06.2022 through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post within a week from today with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 26th October, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Balvir S/o Sh. Jagir,
Village – Bhullan,
Tehsil – Moonak,
Distt. – Sangrur - 148027(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Anndana at Moonak,
Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 886 of 2022

Present : Sh. Balvir, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Jagtar Singh, Computer Operator ;
ii) Sh. Dalbir Singh, Village Development Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 27.10.2021. First appeal is dated 09.12.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.02.2022.

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

Sh. Jagtar Singh, Computer Operator and Sh. Dalbir Singh, Village Development Officer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, state that B.D.P.O.-cum-PIO could not attend today's hearing because of his preoccupation with the Gram Panchayat Elections and seek an adjournment in this case and a reply, signed by B.D.P.O.-cum-PIO, Anndana at Moonak, has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 669 dated 28.06.2022 through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post within a week from today with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 26th October, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Sanjeev Goyal
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
148, Model Town,
Phase – 1, Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Civil Aviation, Punjab,
Rom No. 13 – 15, 17 bays Building,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Civil Aviation, Punjab,
Rom No. 13 – 15, 17 bays Building,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 893 of 2022

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Goyal , the appellant in person.
Sh. Abhay Chander, Advisor , on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.09.2021. First appeal is dated 01.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.02.2022.

Sh. Abhay CHander, Advisor, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information could not be supplied as the appellant has failed to deposit the required fee of Rs. 12,000/- for certified copies of information running into 6000 pages, which was demanded from him vide letter no. 1532 dated 27.09.2021 and a reply was also again sent to him vide letter no. 1717 dated 28.10.2021. He also intimates that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 911 dated 24.06.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13803 dated 24.06.2022. It, alongwith above-said replies, are taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-said letters (regarding deposit of fee) till date.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (ready to be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record and Despatch Register (showing that above-said letters were sent to the appellant) in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

The case is adjourned to 6th July, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Sanjeev Goyal
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
148, Model Town,
Phase – 1, Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Civil Aviation, Punjab,
Rom No. 13 – 15, 17 bays Building,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Civil Aviation, Punjab,
Rom No. 13 – 15, 17 bays Building,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 894 of 2022

Present : Sh. Sanjeev Goyal , the appellant in person.
Sh. Abhay CHander, Advisor , on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 16.09.2021. First appeal is dated 01.11.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.02.2022.

Sh. Abhay CHander, Advisor, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information could not be supplied as the appellant has failed to deposit the required fee of Rs. 6,000/- for certified copies of information running into 3000 pages, which was demanded from him vide letter no. 1579 dated 06.10.2021 and a reply was also again sent to him vide letter no. 1718 dated 28.10.2021. He also intimates that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 900 dated 22.06.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13806 dated 24.06.2022. It, alongwith above-said replies, are taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-said letters (regarding deposit of fee) till date.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (ready to be supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record and Despatch Register (showing that above-said letters were sent to the appellant) in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The appellant is also directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed.

The case is adjourned to 6th July, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sukhwinder Singh
S/o Sh. Rattan Singh,
V.P.O. – Rouni, Tehsil – Payal,
Distt. – Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 898 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Harpal Singh, Junior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 20.07.2021. First appeal is dated 13.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.02.2022.

Sh. Harpal Singh, Junior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information sought for by the appellant, Sh. Sukhwinder Singh through his RTI request could not be supplied to him as it is regarding transfer orders of Ms. Anju Bala, Clerk, which is 'third party' information and Ms. Anju Bala, Clerk, through a letter has refused to supply any kind of her information to anyone. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2239 dated 17.06.2022 through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

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

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the appellant to intimate the Commission that what public interest is involved in the disclosure of information which has been sought for by him through RTI request, by the next date of hearing or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2022 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Sukhdir Singh Sekhon
S/o Sh. Randhir Singh Sekhon,
H. o. 04, Baba Nand Singh Nagar,
Backside B. C. M. School,
Basant Avenue, Dugri, Ludhiana - 141013(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer(Elem.),
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 902 of 2022

Present : Sh. Sukhdir Singh Sekhon, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Amandeep Singh, Head Teacher of Govt. Primary School, Sukhdev Nagar, Ludhiana ;
ii) Ms. Asha Rani, B.P.E.O., Mangat - II, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 09.06.2021. First appeal is dated 07.12.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.02.2022.

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

Sh. Amandeep Singh, Head Teacher of Govt. Primary School, Sukhdev Nagar, Ludhiana, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the RTI request of the appellant has been received from B.P.E.O., Mangat - II vide letter no. 22.12.2021.

Ms. Asha Rani, B.P.E.O., Mangat - II, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the RTI request of the appellant should have been transferred to the concerned office within stipulated time under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act and as the proper procedure was not followed by the respondent party, accordingly, the Public Information Officer office of District Education Officer (Elem.), Ludhiana and B.P.E.O., Mangat - II, is directed to supply the required information to the appellant after collecting the same from the concerned office before the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information and also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be present with the copy of information supplied during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 31st August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Happy
S/o Sh. Malkiat Singh,
Village – Kharak Singh Wala,
P. O. – Ghuman Kalan,
Teh.. & Distt. - Mansa(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2285 of 2022

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

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 03.03.2022. First appeal is dated 08.04.2022. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.05.2022.

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 275 dated 15.06.2022 signed by Superintendent(Recruitment Cell), which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13410 dated 21.06.2022, has intimated the Commission that a reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 05.05.2022. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Happy , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the above-said reply till date.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post with a copy to the Commission within a week from today.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Another opportunity is also given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed.

The case is adjourned to 3rd August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Darshan Singh Kang
'Anti Corruption Wing'
Samrala,
Distt. Ludhiana - 141114(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Education Officer (Elem.),
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4716 of 2021

Present : Sh. S. S. Kang , on behalf of the the appellant.
Sh. Amandeep Singh, Head Teacher of Govt. Primary School, Sukhdev Nagar,
Ludhiana, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 14.06.2021. First appeal is dated 19.07.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.10.2021.

Sh. S. S. Kang , who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Darshan Singh Kang in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and through a letter dated 21.03.2022, he has pointed out deficiencies in the supplied information and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission through an e-mail dated. It is taken on record.

Sh. Amandeep Singh, Head Teacher of Govt. Primary School, Sukhdev Nagar, Ludhiana, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the letter dated 21.03.2022 (through which the appellant has pointed out deficiencies, is not received in the School).

A copy of the letter dated 21.03.2022 (through which the appellant has pointed out deficiencies) is handed over to Sh. Amandeep Singh (representative of the respondent) during the hearing in the Commission today.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the information (after removing the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant) to the appellant through registered post within a week from today with a copy to the Commission.

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

The case is adjourned to 17th October, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Munish Kumar Adya
S/o Late Sh. Girdhar Gopal Adya,
H. No. B-05-975, Mohalla Falan Adda,
Daal Bazar, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Zone – A, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4558 of 2019

Present : Sh. Munish Kumar Adya, the appellant in person with Sh. A. K. Kalsi, Advocate.
Sh. Parvinder Kumar Kalra, Superintendent, Zone- A, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 16.09.2019. First appeal is dated 18.10 .2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.12.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar Adya, who appeared in person with Sh. A. K. Kalsi, Advocate, in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Parvinder Kumar Kalra, Superintendent, Zone- A,, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant time and again, moreover, an opportunity was given to the appellant to visit the office on 20.06.2022 to inspect the relevant official record and identify the information but he did not visit the office and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 244 dated 23.06.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13865 dated 27.06.2022, which is taken on record.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 05.07.2022 at 12:00 noon to collect the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant during his visit to the office on 05.07.2022 at 12:00 with the directions either to supply certified copies of the required information as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request on 05.07.2022 to the appellant and if the required information is not found available in the official record, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will send a proper written reply in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

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

The case is adjourned to 18th October, 2022 (Friday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Munish Kumar Adya
S/o Late Sh. Girdhar Gopal Adya,
H. No. B-05-975, Mohalla Falan Adda,
Daal Bazar, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Zone – A, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4556 of 2019

Present : Sh. Munish Kumar Adya, the appellant in person with Sh. A. K. Kalsi, Advocate.
Sh. Parvinder Kumar Kalra, Superintendent, Zone- A, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 11.09.2019. First appeal is dated 18.10.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.12.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Munish Kumar Adya, who appeared in person with Sh. A. K. Kalsi, Advocate, in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Parvinder Kumar Kalra, Superintendent, Zone- A,, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant time and again, moreover, an opportunity was given to the appellant to visit the office on 20.06.2022 to inspect the relevant official record and identify the information but he did not visit the office and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 242 dated 23.06.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13866 dated 27.06.2022, which is taken on record.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 05.07.2022 at 12:00 noon to collect the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant during his visit to the office on 05.07.2022 at 12:00 with the directions either to supply certified copies of the required information as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request on 05.07.2022 to the appellant and if the required information is not found available in the official record, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will send a proper written reply in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

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

The case is adjourned to 18th October, 2022 (Friday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Rakesh Kumar Gupta
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 369 of 2020

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.
Sh. Radesh Kalra, Joint Deputy Director, in person.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 22.04.2019. First appeal is dated 29.05.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.01.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that irrelevant information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Radesh Kalra, Joint Deputy Director, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that a point-wise reply, in the shape of an affidavit, has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 2323 dated 27.06.2022 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2323 dated 27.06.2022 through an e-mail. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Heard the parties.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 30.06.2022 at 12:00 noon to identify the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 30.06.2022 at 12:00 so that information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) with a copy to the Commission

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

The case is adjourned to 20th October, 2022 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Rakesh Kumar Gupta
R/o # 8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt.Ludhiana-141101(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner
(Urban Development),
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4522 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, the appellant in person.
Sh. Radesh Kalra, Joint Deputy Director, in person.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 02.12.2019. First appeal is dated 06.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 10.12.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that irrelevant information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Radesh Kalra, Joint Deputy Director, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that a point-wise reply, in the shape of an affidavit, has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 2323 dated 27.06.2022 and a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2322 dated 27.06.2022 through an e-mail. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Heard the parties.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 30.06.2022 at 12:00 noon to identify the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit to the office on 30.06.2022 at 12:00 so that information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) with a copy to the Commission

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

The case is adjourned to 20th October, 2022 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Ashok Kumar Watts
S/o Sh. Des Raj,
H. No. B-V-1534, Street – 01,
Lajpat Nagar,
Abohar,
Distt. – Fazilka-152116(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
(L G – 3 Branch), Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

Encl:RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5148 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 17.08.2021. First appeal is dated 20.09.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.11.2021.

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

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 25.04.2022 with the directions to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of nine months, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

For holding 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 under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer, who is Assistant Transport Officer of office of Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government, (L G – 3 Branch), Punjab, Chandigarh.. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services
60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

As the appellant has suffered a lot of detriments on account of getting the information, a compensation of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is awarded to the appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts .The compensation shall be paid by public authority concerned by way of crossed cheque/Demand Draft in the name of Ashok Kumar Watts. The crossed cheque/Demand Draft shall be made from the bank account of public authority concerned and not from the individual official.

The respondent PIO is also directed to send a copy of challan receipt and cheque/Demand Draft into the Commission by the next date of hearing to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

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

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 21st October, 2022 (Friday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Ashok Kumar Watts
S/o Sh. Des Raj,
H. No. B-V-1534, Street – 01,
Lajpat Nagar,
Abohar,
Distt. – Fazilka-152116(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
(L G – 3 Branch), Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

Encl:RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5142 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 26.07.2021. First appeal is dated 31.08.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.11.2021.

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

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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 25.04.2022 with the directions to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of nine months, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

For holding 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 under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer, who is Assistant Transport Officer of office of Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government, (L G – 3 Branch), Punjab, Chandigarh.. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Contd...2/-

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

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services
 60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
 86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

As the appellant has suffered a lot of detriments on account of getting the information, a compensation of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is awarded to the appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts .The compensation shall be paid by public authority concerned by way of crossed cheque/Demand Draft in the name of Ashok Kumar Watts. The crossed cheque/Demand Draft shall be made from the bank account of public authority concerned and not from the individual official.

The respondent PIO is also directed to send a copy of challan receipt and cheque/Demand Draft into the Commission by the next date of hearing to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

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

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned and also send a copy of the same to the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 21st October, 2022 (Friday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Jaswinder Singh,
V.P.O. – Sidhpur Kalan,
Tehsil – Khamano,
Distt. – Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,
Sub Division – 09,
S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,
Sub Division – 03,
S. A. S. Nagar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 5125 of 2021

Present : Sh. Jaswinder Singh, the appellant in person with Sh Dilpreet Singh, Advocate.
Sh. Ravinder Sachdeva, S. D. E., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 30.06.2021. First appeal is dated Nil. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.11.2021.

Sh. Ravinder Sachdeva, S. D. E., appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing.

Sh. Jaswinder Singh, the appellant, who appeared in person with Sh Dilpreet Singh, Advocate, in today's hearing, requests that this case be transferred to any other Bench. He (appellant) through a letter dated 20.06.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13247 dated 20.06.2022, has requested to transfer this case to some other Bench. It is taken on record.

After examining the letter dated 20.06.2022 of the appellant, it emerges that the appellant has no trust towards this Bench and hence the case-file be sent to Deputy Registrar with the directions to place this case file before Hon'ble Chief information Commissioner for appropriate orders, which he deems fit in this case.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

The Deputy Registrar

Encl : Case-File

Jagtar Singh
S/o Sh. Sampooran Singh,
Village – Narain, P. O. – Baghrana,
Block – Khera,
Distt. – Fatehgarh Sahib(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Panchayat Secretary,
(Regd. Post) Gram Panchayat – Naraina,
Block Khera,
Distt. - Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,
Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 114 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 14.09.2021. First appeal is dated 18.10.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 23.12.2021.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Jagtar Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability.

The respondent PIO has not intimated about the fact whether the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant or not.

The appellant has also not sent any intimation whether he received the requisite information or not .

Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 26th October, 2022 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Malkiat Singh S/o Sh. Jeet Singh,
H. No. 230, Ward No. 07,
Mohalla Subash Nagar,
Sunam Udham Singh Wala,
Distt. – Sangrur - 148028(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,
Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Senior Superintendent of Police,
Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1916 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

The RTI request is dated 02.12.2020. First appeal is dated 09.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.04.2021.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Malkiat Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing .

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 66 dated 21.06.2022 signed by S. S. P., Sangrur, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the concerned official Sh. Kuldeep Singh, A. S. I.-cum-RTI Incharge, has fractured his leg and unable to attend today's hearing physically and seeks one month's adjournment and a reply has also been to the appellant for intimation. It is taken on record.

Another opportunity is also given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative on the next date fixed.

The case is adjourned to 3rd August, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Ms. Charanjit Kaur (Panch)
W/o Sh. Mandeep Singh,
Village – Chahar-Ke, P. O. – Bhogpur,
Block – Bhogpur, Distt. – Jalandhar - 144201(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Bhogpur, Distt. - Jalandhar(Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The District Development
and Panchayat Officer, Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 357 of 2022

Present : Sh. Mandeep Singh on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gurmukh Singh, Panchayat Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 13.08.2021. First appeal is dated 05.10.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 11.01.2022.
Sh. Mandeep Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Ms. Charanjit Kaur,
Panch in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent.
Sh. Gurmukh Singh, Panchayat Officer, appeared on behalf of the respondent
PIO in today's hearing.

As the RTI is addressed to PIO office of Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Bhogpur and the RTI request is forwarded to Panchayat Officer Block Bhogpur vide letter dated
23.06.2022, which should have been transferred to the concerned office within
stipulated time under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act and as the proper procedure was not followed by
the respondent party., The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the
respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is
issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Block Development and Panchayat
Officer, Bhogpur, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying
the information to the RTI applicant.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail
himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed through facility of
Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and
the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified
copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI
request, through registered post within a week from today.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received
the information and also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to
the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 27th October, 2022 (Thursday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing.
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th June, 2022

Encl : RTI request

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab