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

.....Appellant

V/s

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First Appellate Authority
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
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. ... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 683 of 2019

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

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 03.02.2020 and the appellant pointed out that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO. An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant, to him by registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that deficiencies, which were pointed out by him have not been removed by the respondent PIO till date. He has also sent a letter dated 26.07.2020 through an e-mail to the Commission, intimating that the respondent PIO has not removed the deficiencies, pointed out by him during the hearing, till date. It is taken on record.

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimates the Commission that a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 2130 dated 08.05.2020 to point out deficiencies, in writing, to the office of the respondent through e-mail 'eomckhanna@gmail.com', so that the same could be removed but till date the appellant has not pointed out any deficiency/deficiencies in the information already supplied to him.

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After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply 2130 dated 08.05.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that a reply has already

been sent to the appellant to point out deficiencies, in writing, to the office of the

respondent through e-mail ID 'eomckhanna@gmail.com', so that the same could be

removed. It is taken on record.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, in writing,

to the office of the respondent PIO concerned and send the same to the respondent

PIO concerned so that the required information could be provided to him.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to

to supply the required information, after removing the deficiencies, (which would be

pointed out by the appellant in this particular case), as per record available in the

instant appeal case-file, to the appellant well in time and send forwarding letter of the

same with acknowledgement receipt/postal receipt to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to intimate the Commission

whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the

respondent PIO concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 7th October, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for

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First Appellate Authority
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
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.... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 684 of 2019

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

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 03.02.2020 and the appellant pointed out that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO. An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the Appellant, to him by registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that deficiencies, which were pointed out by him have not been removed by the respondent PIO till date. He has also sent a letter dated 26.07.2020 through an e-mail to the Commission, intimating that the respondent PIO has not removed the deficiencies, pointed out by him during the hearing, till date. It is taken on record.

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimates the Commission that a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 2121 dated 08.05.2020 to point out deficiencies, in writing, to the office of the respondent through e-mail 'eomckhanna@gmail.com', so that the same could be removed but till date the appellant has not pointed out any deficiency/deficiencies in the information already supplied to him.

Appeal Case No. 684 of 2019

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After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply 2121 dated 08.05.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that a reply has already been sent to the appellant to point out deficiencies, in writing, to the office of the respondent through e-mail ID 'eomckhanna@gmail.com', so that the same could be removed. It is taken on record.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, in writing, to the office of the respondent PIO concerned and send the same to the respondent PIO concerned so that the required information could be provided to him.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to to supply the required information, after removing the deficiencies, (which would be pointed out by the appellant in this particular case), as per record available in the instant appeal case-file, to the appellant well in time and send forwarding letter of the same with acknowledgement receipt/postal receipt to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 7th October, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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V/s

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

. ... Respondents

.....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 763 of 2019

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

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

This case was last heard on 03.02.2020 and Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal

Engineer and Sh. Jaswant Singh, Junior Engineer, appeared for the respondent, handed over the requisite information to the appellant vide letter no. 2015 dated 31.01.2020 during the hearing in the Commission today and the appellant sought an adjournment in this case so that he could go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies, if any, in the same. Accordingly, an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that deficiencies, which were pointed out by him has not been removed by the respondent PIO till date. He has also sent a letter dated 26.07.2020 through an e-mail to the Commission, intimating that he has sent a letter to the office of the respondent PIO on 07.02.2020 through registered post, through which he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied to him and the respondent PIO has not removed the deficiencies, pointed out by him till date. It, alongwith a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimates the Commission that no such letter has been received in the office, moreover, a reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 2125 dated 08.05.2020 to point out deficiencies, in writing, to the office of the respondent through e-mail 'eomckhanna@gmail.com', so that the same could be removed but till date the appellant has not pointed out any deficiency/deficiencies in the information already supplied to him.

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After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply 2125 dated 08.05.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that a reply has already been sent to the appellant to point out deficiencies, in writing, to the office of the respondent through e-mail ID 'eomckhanna@gmail.com', so that the same could be removed. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 07.08.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the required information or hand over the letter, through which he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied to him. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to visit the office of the respondent to identify the required information or hand over the letter, through which he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied to him so that the same could be removed.

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to to supply the required information, after removing the deficiencies, (which would be pointed out by the appellant in this particular case), as per record available in the instant appeal case-file, to the appellant well in time and send forwarding letter of the same with acknowledgement receipt/postal receipt to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 7th October, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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

. ... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 764 of 2019

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

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

Date :29th July. 2020

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

This case was last heard on 03.02.2020 and Sh. Kulwinder Singh,

Municipal Engineer and Sh. Jaswant Singh, Junior Engineer, appeared for the respondent and handed over the requisite information to the appellant vide letter no. 2019 dated 31.01.2020 during the hearing in the Commission today and the appellant sought an adjournment in this case so that he could go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies, if any, in the same. Accordingly, an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed.

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimates the Commission that complete information, vide letter no. 2019 dated 31.01.2020, has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has gone through the supplied information and found it proper. He has also sent a letter dated 26.07.2020 through an e-mail to the Commission, intimating that he has gone through the supplied information, which was handed over to him during the hearing, held on 03.02.2020 and found it proper. He also requested to close the case. It is taken on record.

As the appellant has given his consent to close the case, the case is announced as **disposed of and closed**.

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

. ... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2209 of 2018

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

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 03.02.2020 and the appellant stated that he had received part information at point no. 01 and information at point no. 03 of the RTI request is still pending. Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer, who appeared with Sh. Jaswant Singh, Junior Engineer, intimated the Commission that the available information was supplied to the appellant and information at point no. 03 of the RTI request could not be supplied to him as the connected case-file is not found traceable in the office-record. He also submits a reply vide letter no. 2024 dated 31.01.2020, which is taken on record. Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned either to supply certified copies of the available information to the appellant and if the required information is not found available in the official record, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will file a written reply in the shape of an affidavit stating that the required information is not available in the official record or has gone missing or destroyed, alongwith supporting documents.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that part information i. e. copy of estimate at point no. 01 and information at point no. 03 of the RTI request is still pending.

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, seeks an adjournment in this case so that the required information could be supplied to the appellant.

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Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information i. e. part information i. e. copy of estimate at point no. 01 and information at point no. 03 of the RTI request (which has been specified by the appellant during the hearing), as per record available in the instant appeal case-file, to the appellant well in time and send forwarding letter of the same with acknowledgement receipt signed by the appellant to the Commission. If any information is not available in the case-file, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send a reply in an affidavit to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 7th October, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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.....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer

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Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Pb)

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Regional Deputy Director,

Urban Local Government Punjab,

Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2326 of 2018

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

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 03.02.2020 and Sh. Kulwinder Singh,

Municipal Engineer, who appeared with Sh. Jaswant Singh, Junior Engineer, intimated the Commission that samples have been given to the appellant intimated the Commission that whatever samples were given to him were not certified, moreover, not sealed. Accordingly, last opportunity was given to the appellant to the respondent PIO concerned to provide certified samples to the appellant and seal the same.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimated the Commission that samples of the material has been collected but not handed over to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that part information has already been supplied to the appellant and part information would be supplied to the appellant positively. He has also intimated the Commission that to provide samples of the material to the appellant in the instant appeal case, responsibility of Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was fixed.

Last and final opportunity is given to Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer (whose responsibility was fixed for supplying of samples of the material as per version of Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer) to provide certified samples of the material to the appellant and seal the same to the appellant well in time and send forwarding letter of the same with acknowledgement receipt signed by the appellant to the Commission, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO concerned by the next date of hearing.

As responsibility of Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was fixed to provide samples of the material to the appellant in the instant appeal case and the same has not been provided to the appellant even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 03.02.2020. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the concerned official and a show-cause notice be issued in the name of Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer (whose responsibility was fixed for supplying of samples of the material as per version of Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna).

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer (whose responsibility was fixed for supplying of samples of the material office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. 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, 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.

The case is <u>adjourned to 7th October, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

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V/s

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

.... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2327 of 2018

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

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 03.02.2020 and Sh. Kulwinder Singh,

Municipal Engineer, who appeared with Sh. Jaswant Singh, Junior Engineer, intimated the Commission that inspection of official-record could not got done on 17.01.2020 as he had to appear before the Court of Sub Divisional Magistrate on that day and requested to fix another date for inspection of official-record. Accordingly, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 20.03.2020 at 11.00 A. M. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimated the Commission that after the inspection samples of the material has been collected but not handed over to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that part information has already been supplied to the appellant and part information would be supplied to the appellant positively. He has also intimated the Commission that to provide samples of the material to the appellant in the instant appeal case, responsibility of Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was fixed.

Last and final opportunity is given to Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer (whose responsibility was fixed for supplying of samples of the material as per version of Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer) to provide certified samples of the material to the appellant and seal the same to the appellant well in time and send forwarding letter of the same with acknowledgement receipt signed by the appellant to the Commission, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO concerned by the next date of hearing.

As responsibility of Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was fixed to provide samples of the material to the appellant in the instant appeal case and the same has not been provided to the appellant even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 03.02.2020. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the concerned official and a show-cause notice be issued in the name of Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer (whose responsibility was fixed for supplying of samples of the material as per version of Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna).

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer (whose responsibility was fixed for supplying of samples of the material) office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. 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, 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.

The case is <u>adjourned to 7th October, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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First Appellate Authority
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
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Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana

.... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2328 of 2018

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

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

This case was last heard on 03.02.2020 and Sh. Kulwinder Singh,

Municipal Engineer and Sh. Jaswant Singh, Junior Engineer, appeared for the respondent and intimated the Commission that as directed vide orders dated 10.12.2019 by the Commission, inspection of official-record could not got done on 17.01.2020 as he had to appear before the Court of Sub Divisional Magistrate on that day and requested to fix another date for inspection of official-record. Accordingly, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 20.03.2020 at 11.00 A. M. and the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, identified by the appellant after inspection, to him.

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimates the Commission that complete information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the required information and requested to close the case. It is taken on record.

As the appellant has given his consent to close the case, the case is announced as <u>disposed of and closed</u>.

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First Appellate Authority
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Government Punjab,
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. ... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2331 of 2018

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

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 03.02.2020 and Sh. Kulwinder Singh,

Municipal Engineer, who appeared with Sh. Jaswant Singh, Junior Engineer, intimated the Commission that samples have been given to the appellant intimated the Commission that whatever samples were given to him were not certified, moreover, not sealed. Accordingly, last opportunity was given to the appellant to the respondent PIO concerned to provide certified samples to the appellant and seal the same.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimated the Commission that samples of the material has been collected but not handed over to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that part information has already been supplied to the appellant and part information would be supplied to the appellant positively. He has also intimated the Commission that to provide samples of the material to the appellant in the instant appeal case, responsibility of Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was fixed.

Last and final opportunity is given to Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer (whose responsibility was fixed for supplying of samples of the material as per version of Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer) to provide certified samples of the material to the appellant and seal the same to the appellant well in time and send forwarding letter of the same with acknowledgement receipt signed by the appellant to the Commission, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO concerned by the next date of hearing.

As responsibility of Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was fixed to provide samples of the material to the appellant in the instant appeal case and the same has not been provided to the appellant even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 03.02.2020. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the concerned official.

As responsibility of Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer was fixed to provide samples of the material to the appellant in the instant appeal case and the same has not been provided to the appellant even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 03.02.2020. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the concerned official and a show-cause notice be issued in the name of Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer (whose responsibility was fixed for supplying of samples of the material as per version of Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna).

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer (whose responsibility was fixed for supplying of samples of the material) office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. 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, 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.

The case is <u>adjourned to 7th October, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Date :29th July, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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First Appellate Authority
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
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. ... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2229 of 2019

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

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 29.01.2020 and Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior

Engineer, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO and stated that that he had brought the requisite information with him in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant during the hearing. As the appellant through a letter dated 29.01.2020, had requested for an adjournment in this case, the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address and submit a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission. Accordingly, last opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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.

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimates the Commission that in response to the RTI request, a point-wise reply to the queries raised by the appellant, has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 18.05.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no such reply has been received by him till date till date.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the above-mentioned reply, given vide letter dated 18.05.2020 again to the appellant well in time and send a copy of the same with acknowledgement receipt/postal receipt to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the above-mentioned reply dated 18.05.2020, which would be sent to him by the respondent PIO concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 7th October, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> <u>hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.</u>

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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. ... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2230 of 2019

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

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 29.01.2020 and Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior

Engineer, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO and stated that that he had brought the requisite information of 124 pages with him in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant during the hearing. As the appellant through a letter dated 29.01.2020, had requested for an adjournment in this case, the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address and submit a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission. Accordingly, last opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information 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 appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, appeared in person in today's hearing.

Sh. Ranvir Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimates the Commission that as the requisite information (to be supplied) is of 124 pages could not be sent to the appellant through registered post and seeks an adjournment in this case so that the same could be delivered to the appellant in person.

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The respondent PIO concerned is directed to hand over the required information to the appellant on 07.08.2020 at 11:00 A. M. (which has already been fixed by the Bench of the undersigned in another case for inspection of official record) and send a copy of the forwarding letter of the same with acknowledgement receipt to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to intimate the Commission whether he has received the required information, which would be given to him by the respondent PIO concerned and also advised 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 by the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 7th October, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for</u> hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :29th July, 2020