



Jagtar Singh
S/o Sh. Atma Ram,
Village – Nauneetpur,
P. O. – Baarian Kalan,
Distt. – Hoshiarpur - 146101(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

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

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 149 of 2022

Present : Sh. Jagtar Singh, the complainant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 08.03.2021. The complaint has been received in the
Commission on 22.03.2022.

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

After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, it is
found that in response to the RTI request, a reply vide letter no. 716 dated 31.03.2021 has
been given to the complainant. It is on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the complainant
has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the
RTI Act and the Commission could not allow access to the information to the Information seeker
in a complaint case as the only remedy available to the information-seeker is given in Section 19
of the RTI Act, hence, the instant complaint case is remanded to First Appellate Authority, who is
District Development and Panchayat Officer, Hoshiarpur, with the directions to decide the case as
per provisions of the RTI Act, after giving due opportunity to the parties concerned, examining the
evidences, documents placed on record/submitted by the parties concerned and subsequently
pass a speaking order within forty five days from the receipt of this order. A copy of the RTI
request of the applicant be also enclosed for ready reference of First Appellate Authority, who will
treat it as first appeal. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

If concerned First Appellate Authority will not announce any order in the instant
complaint case within forty five days or after decision/announcement of First Appellate Authority,
if the complainant would not be satisfied with the decision/announcement (which would be
announced) by the First Appellate Authority, he is free to approach the Commission by way of
second appeal.

With this, the case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

First Appellate Authority-cum-
- District Development and
Panchayat Officer,
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

Encl:RTI request



Harchand Singh S/o Sh. Zora Singh,
Village – Kheri Mallan,
Teh. & Distt. - Patiala(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Block Development
and Panchayat Officer,
Samana, Distt. – Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 151 of 2022

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Brish Bhan, Village Development Officer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 08.03.2021. The complaint has been received in the

Commission on 22.03.2022.

Sh. Brish Bhan, Village Development Officer,, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, could not make himself audible to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the case.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the notice of hearing issued by the Commission vide letter no. 10136 dated 11.04.2022 in the name of the complainant, Sh. Harchand Singh is received back in the office of the Commission as 'undelivered' through Diary No. 8547 dated 25.04.2022. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the complainant has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act and the Commission could not allow access to the information to the Information seeker in a complaint case as the only remedy available to the information-seeker is given in Section 19 of the RTI Act, hence, the instant complaint case is remanded to First Appellate Authority, who is District Development and Panchayat Officer, Patiala, with the directions to decide the case as per provisions of the RTI Act, after giving due opportunity to the parties concerned, examining the evidences, documents placed on record/submitted by the parties concerned and subsequently pass a speaking order within forty five days from the receipt of this order. A copy of the RTI request of the applicant be also enclosed for ready reference of First Appellate Authority, who will treat it as first appeal. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

If concerned First Appellate Authority will not announce any order in the instant complaint case within forty five days or after decision/announcement of First Appellate Authority, if the complainant would not be satisfied with the decision/announcement (which would be announced) by the First Appellate Authority, he is free to approach the Commission by way of second appeal.

With this, the case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

First Appellate Authority-cum-
- District Development and
Panchayat Officer,
Patiala (Punjab)

Encl:RTI request

Dr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta,
House No 1722,
Sector 14,
Hisar-125001 (Haryana)

....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. 5218 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector(Town Planning Wing), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 02.03.2021. First appeal is dated 18.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.11.2021.

Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Building Inspector(Town Planning Wing), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant on 22.03.2022 and a reply alongwith a copy of supplied information has also been sent to the Commission. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The appellant, Dr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta, was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 02.05.2022. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as **disposed and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Dr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta,
House No 1722,
Sector 14,
Hisar-125001 (Haryana)

.... Complainant

V/s

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

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1287 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
i) Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant (Municipal Services Cell) ;
ii) Sh. Harjeet Singh, Draftsman O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana , on
behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 07.08.2021. The complaint has been received in the
Commission on 18.11.2021.

Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Senior Assistant (Municipal Services Cell) office of Director,
Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh and Sh. Harjeet Singh, Draftsman office of Municipal
Corporation, Ludhiana, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, state
that complete information has already been supplied to the appellant on 22.04.2022 and the
appellant has not pointed out any deficiency till date and a reply has also been sent to the
Commission vide letter no. 158 dated 02.08.2022, which has been received in the Commission vide
Diary No. 17661 dated 08.08.2022. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Dr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta, was absent on the last date of
hearing, held on 02.05.2022. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the
Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the
respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the complainant has received the required
information and is satisfied with the same, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as
disposed and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
H. No. 60-35-P-376-1,
Street – 08, Maha Singh Nagar,
P. O. - Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana - 141014 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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. 222 of 2022

Present : Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, the appellant in person.
Sh. Mannveer Singh Sidhu, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO, on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 21.09.2021. First appeal is dated 21.10.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2021.

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

Sh. Mannveer Singh Sidhu, Senior Assistant-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf
of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that through RTI request, the appellant has
demanded status report on a complaint dated 09.09.2021 and in response to the RTI request, a
reply has already been given to the appellant intimating him that complaint dated 09.09.2021 was
sent to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and a copy of reply was also sent to
the Commission. It is taken on record.

Since proper reply has been given by the respondent PIO and no cause of action is
left in this case, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as disposed and closed with the
advice to the appellant to file a fresh application to the concerned office of respondent PIO
concerned.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Hardeep Singh
S/o Sh. Harnam Singh,
Village – Mandi Hazoor Singh,
P. O. – Karni Khera,
Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sub Divisional Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,
Sub Division – 02,
Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Circle,
Ferozepur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 179 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 15.09.2021. First appeal is dated 25.10.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2021.

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. 315 dated 09.03.2022 signed by Sub Divisional Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation, Sub Division – 02, Fazilka, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 5322 dated 09.03.2022, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been given to the appellant vide letter no. 205 dated 07.02.2022 and the appellant has not pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him till date. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Hardeep Singh, was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 10.05.2022. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as **disposed and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Gagandeep Singh Punia
S/o Sh. Labh Singh Punia,
Village – Ubhiya,
Tehsil – Sunam,
Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Sunam,
Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Inspector General of Police,
Patiala Range,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 170 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 28.06.2021. First appeal is dated 16.10.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.12.2021.

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 requisite information has already been given to the appellant by the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 112 dated 26.11.2021. It is placed in the Case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Gagandeep Singh Punia, was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 13.06.2022. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same, hence, the instant appeal-case is announced as **disposed and closed**.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Amrik Singh,
Tubewell Operator,
V.P.O. – Lohatt Baddi,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply And Sanitation,
Sub-Division – Raikot,
Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1247 of 2021

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

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 03.08.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 27.10.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 13.06.2022 ;

- i) Neither the complainant, Sh. Amrik Singh nor the respondent PIO was present in today's hearing.
- ii) As the order dated 22.02.2022 passed by the Commission issued vide letter no. 7993 dated 16.03.2022 in the name of the Public Information Officer office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation, Sub-Division – Raikot is received back in the office of the Commission as 'undelivered' through Diary No. 26805 dated 04.04.2022, a copy of the RTI request alongwith a copy of notice of hearing was sent again to the respondent PIO so that the certified copies of the required information could be supplied to the complainant .
- iii) An opportunity was given to the complainant to confirm whether he 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.

Neither the complainant, Sh. Amrik 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 sent any forwarding letter (if the information has been sent to the appellant), moreover, the complainant has not sent any intimation whether he received the information or not.

The complainant, Sh. Amrik Singh, was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 17.02.2022 He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also not approached the Commission with any contrary claim which reflects that the complainant either does not require the information anymore or not interested to pursue this case further and hence the instant complaint-case is announced as disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Malkiat Ram S/o Sh. Wariam Ram,
Village – Jattiwal, P. O. – Panj Garaiya,
Tehsil – Samrala, Distt.- Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4207 of 2021

Present : Sh. Malkiat Ram, the appellant in person.
Sh. Raghbir Singh, Panchayat Secretary, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 07.01.2021. First appeal is dated 03.03.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.09.2021.
On the last date of hearing, held on 20.06.2022 ;

- i) Sh. Raghbir Singh, Panchayat Secretary, stated that the requisite information of six pages was supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 16.05.2022.
- ii) The appellant stated that incomplete information was given to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 02 and 04 is still pending.
- iii) Last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information at point no. 02 and 04 of the RTI request to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not

The appellant, Sh. Malkiat Ram , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information at point no. 02 and 04 is still pending

Sh. Raghbir Singh, Panchayat Secretary, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the remaining information at point no. 02 and 04 of the RTI request has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 27.08.2022 through registered post. It is taken on record.

As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant vide letter dated 27.08.2022 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO today itself at 04:00 P. M. to collect the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant during his visit to the office and supply the required information to the appellant with a copy to the Commission

With the above-announced directions, the instant appeal-case is announced as **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th August, 2022

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab