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



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

...Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Mullanpur Dakha, District: Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4703 of 2019**

**{Heard through Video Conference CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}**

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

Sh. Manohar Singh, Executive Officer –cum- PIO {**Additional Charge**}  
is present.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 21.07.2020 vide which the Appellant was directed to visit the office on 17.08.2020 to collect the records after inspecting the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him and further states that the inspection could not take place on the said date as the PIO was busy and JE was absent as he was sick. Further, he visited several times to the concerned office for inspection but it could not take place. He further mentions about his email dated 11.08.2020, 17.08.2020 and 29.09.2020, which are taken on record.

On the other hand, PIO, Sh. Manohar Singh states that he has recently joined the office and he is unaware of the facts of this case and further requests for a date and also requests the Court to announce a new date for inspection as well..

After going through case file, it has been observed that on the last hearing i.e. 21.07.2020, Sh. Abhay Joshi, Accountant was present and he was directed to remain present at the time of inspection but the inspection could not take place.

Commission takes a very serious view of the casual approach of the PIO, as the inspection of the record is still pending due to which information has not been supplied to the Appellant.

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



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

After discussing with both the parties, it has been decided that the Appellant will visit the concerned office on **26.10.2020 at 11:00 A.M.** for collecting the specific information after inspecting the records. **Sh. Manohar Singh, PIO and other concerned officials are directed to be present there on the said date and time to facilitate the Appellant and to supply the record.**

If the Appellant doesn't visit on the said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The PIO is further directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand when he visits at their concerned office on 26.10.2020, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO.

This case is adjourned to '22.12.2020 at 11:00 A.M.' and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2020, which is going to be heard through **Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 29.09.2020**

Sd/-  
**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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Urban Local Bodies, Punjab,  
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...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4637 of 2019**

**{Heard through Video Conference CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}**

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

Sh. Manohar Singh, Executive Officer –cum- PIO {**Additional Charge**}  
is present.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 21.07.2020 vide which the Appellant was directed to visit the office on 17.08.2020 to collect the records after inspecting the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him and further states that the inspection could not take place on the said date as the PIO was busy and JE was absent as he was sick. Further, he visited several times to the concerned office for inspection but it could not take place. He further mentions about his email dated 11.08.2020, 17.08.2020 and 29.09.2020, which are taken on record.

On the other hand, PIO, Sh. Manohar Singh states that he has recently joined the office and he is unaware of the facts of this case and further requests for a date and also requests the Court to announce a new date for inspection as well.

After going through case file, it has been observed that on the last hearing i.e. 21.07.2020, Sh. Abhay Joshi, Accountant was present and he was directed to remain present at the time of inspection but the inspection could not take place.

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



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

After discussing with both the parties, it has been decided that the Appellant will visit the concerned office on **26.10.2020 at 11:00 A.M.** for collecting the specific information after inspecting the records. **Sh. Manohar Singh, PIO and other concerned officials are directed to be present there on the said date and time to facilitate the Appellant and to supply the record.**

If the Appellant doesn't visit on the said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The PIO is further directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand when he visits at their concerned office on 26.10.2020, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO.

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...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4638 of 2019**

**{Heard through Video Conference CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}**

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

Sh. Manohar Singh, Executive Officer –cum- PIO {**Additional Charge**}  
is present.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 21.07.2020 vide which the Appellant was directed to visit the office on 17.08.2020 to collect the records after inspecting the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him and further states that the inspection could not take place on the said date as the PIO was busy and JE was absent as he was sick. Further, he visited several times to the concerned office for inspection but it could not take place. He further mentions about his email dated 11.08.2020, 17.08.2020 and 29.09.2020, which are taken on record.

On the other hand, PIO, Sh. Manohar Singh states that he has recently joined the office and he is unaware of the facts of this case and further requests for a date and also requests the Court to announce a new date for inspection as well.

After going through case file, it has been observed that on the last hearing i.e. 21.07.2020, Sh. Abhay Joshi, Accountant was present and he was directed to remain present at the time of inspection but the inspection could not take place.

Commission takes a very serious view of the casual approach of the PIO, as the inspection of the record is still pending due to which information has not been supplied to the Appellant.

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



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

After discussing with both the parties, it has been decided that the Appellant will visit the concerned office on **26.10.2020 at 11:00 A.M.** for collecting the specific information after inspecting the records. **Sh. Manohar Singh, PIO and other concerned officials are directed to be present there on the said date and time to facilitate the Appellant and to supply the record.**

If the Appellant doesn't visit on the said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The PIO is further directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand when he visits at their concerned office on 26.10.2020, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO.

This case is adjourned to '22.12.2020 at 11:00 A.M.' and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2020, which is going to be heard through **Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

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...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3471 of 2019**

**{Heard through Video Conference CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}**

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

Sh. Manohar Singh, Executive Officer –cum- PIO {**Additional Charge**}  
is present.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 21.07.2020 vide which the Appellant was directed to visit the office on 20.08.2020 to collect the records after inspecting the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him and further states that the inspection could not take place on the said date as the PIO was busy in elections of Senior and Junior Vice President of the MC, Dakha and APIO was absent as he was sick. Further, he visited several times to the concerned office for inspection but it could not take place. He further mentions about his email dated 17.08.2020 and 29.09.2020, which are taken on record.

On the other hand, PIO, Sh. Manohar Singh states that he has recently joined the office and he is unaware of the facts of this case and further requests for a date and also requests the Court to announce a new date for inspection as well. Also, he further states that as informed to him by his staff, that the Appellant did not visit at their office for inspection.

After going through case file, it has been observed that on the last hearing i.e. 21.07.2020, Sh. Abhay Joshi, Accountant was present and he was directed to remain present at the time of inspection but the inspection could not take place. Also, in the previous hearing it had also been discussed that the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- had already been deposited into the Government Treasury but still information has not been supplied to the Appellant.

Commission takes a very serious view of the casual approach of the PIO, as the inspection of the record is still pending due to which information has not been supplied to the Appellant. If this time i.e. on 27.10.2020 at 11.00 A.M., the inspection could not take place or information would not be supplied then the amount of the penalty will be enhanced and further disciplinary action could be recommended against the PIO to their respective higher authorities as well.

So, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on **27.10.2020 at 11:00 A.M.** for collecting the specific information after inspecting the records. **Sh. Manohar Singh, PIO and other concerned officials are directed to be present there on the said date and time to facilitate the Appellant and to supply the record.**

If the Appellant doesn't visit on the said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The PIO is further directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand when he visits at their concerned office on 27.10.2020, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO.

This case is adjourned to '22.12.2020 at 11:00 A.M.' and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2020, which is going to be heard through **Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

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Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3472 of 2019**

**{Heard through Video Conference CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}**

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

Sh. Manohar Singh, Executive Officer –cum- PIO {**Additional Charge**}  
is present.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 21.07.2020 vide which the Appellant was directed to visit the office on 20.08.2020 to collect the records after inspecting the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him and further states that the inspection could not take place on the said date as the PIO was busy in elections of Senior and Junior Vice President of the MC, Dakha and APIO was absent as he was sick. Further, he visited several times to the concerned office for inspection but it could not take place. He further mentions about his email dated 17.08.2020 and 29.09.2020, which are taken on record.

On the other hand, PIO, Sh. Manohar Singh states that he has recently joined the office and he is unaware of the facts of this case and further requests for a date and also requests the Court to announce a new date for inspection as well. Also, he further states that as informed to him by his staff, that the Appellant did not visit at their office for inspection.

After going through case file, it has been observed that on the last hearing i.e. 21.07.2020, Sh. Abhay Joshi, Accountant was present and he was directed to remain present at the time of inspection but the inspection could not take place. Also, in the previous hearing it had also been discussed that the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- had already been deposited into the Government Treasury but still information has not been supplied to the Appellant.

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Commission takes a very serious view of the casual approach of the PIO, as the inspection of the record is still pending due to which information has not been supplied to the Appellant. If this time i.e. on 27.10.2020 at 11.00 A.M., the inspection could not take place or information would not be supplied then the amount of the penalty will be enhanced and further disciplinary action could be recommended against the PIO to their respective higher authorities as well.

So, the Appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on **27.10.2020 at 11:00 A.M.** for collecting the specific information after inspecting the records. **Sh. Manohar Singh, PIO and other concerned officials are directed to be present there on the said date and time to facilitate the Appellant and to supply the record.**

If the Appellant doesn't visit on the said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The PIO is further directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand when he visits at their concerned office on 27.10.2020, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO.

This case is adjourned to '22.12.2020 at 11:00 A.M.' and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2020, which is going to be heard through **Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

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Urban Local Bodies, Punjab,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2610 of 2019**

**{Heard through Video Conference CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}**

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

Sh. Manohar Singh, Executive Officer –cum- PIO {**Additional Charge**}  
is present.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 21.07.2020 vide which the Appellant was directed to visit the office on 20.08.2020 to collect the records after inspecting the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him and further states that the inspection could not take place as sometimes on the said date as the PIO was busy in elections of Senior and Junior Vice President of the MC, Dakha and APIO was absent as he was sick. Further, he visited several times to the concerned office for inspection but it could not take place. He further mentions about his email dated 17.08.2020 and 29.09.2020, which are taken on record.

On the other hand, PIO, Sh. Manohar Singh states that he has recently joined the office and he is unaware of the facts of this case and further requests for a date and also requests the Court to announce a new date for inspection as well.

After going through case file, it has been observed that on the last hearing i.e. 21.07.2020, Sh. Abhay Joshi, Accountant was present and he was directed to remain present at the time of inspection but the inspection could not take place.

Commission takes a very serious view of the casual approach of the PIO, as the inspection of the record is still pending due to which information has not been supplied to the Appellant.

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



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

After discussing with both the parties, it has been decided that the Appellant will visit the concerned office on **27.10.2020 at 11:00 A.M.** for collecting the specific information after inspecting the records. **Sh. Manohar Singh, PIO and other concerned officials are directed to be present there on the said date and time to facilitate the Appellant and to supply the record.**

If the Appellant doesn't visit on the said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The PIO is further directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand when he visits at their concerned office on 27.10.2020, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO.

This case is adjourned to '22.12.2020 at 11:00 A.M.' and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2020, which is going to be heard through **Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

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Urban Local Bodies, Punjab,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2609 of 2019**

**{Heard through Video Conference CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}**

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

Sh. Manohar Singh, Executive Officer –cum- PIO {**Additional Charge**}  
is present.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 21.07.2020 vide which the Appellant was directed to visit the office on 25.08.2020 to collect the records after inspecting the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that no information has been supplied to him and further states that the inspection could not take place as sometimes on the said date Sh. Abhey Joshi was busy at Ludhiana Court and JE was absent as he was sick. Further, he visited several times to the concerned office for inspection but it could not take place. He further mentions about his email dated 20.08.2020 and 29.09.2020, which are taken on record.

On the other hand, PIO, Sh. Manohar Singh states that he has recently joined the office and he is unaware of the facts of this case and further requests for a date and also requests the Court to announce a new date for inspection as well.

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



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

After discussing with both the parties, it has been decided that the Appellant will visit the concerned office on **02.11.2020 at 11:00 A.M.** for collecting the specific information after inspecting the records. **Sh. Manohar Singh, PIO and other concerned officials are directed to be present there on the said date and time to facilitate the Appellant and to supply the record.**

If the Appellant doesn't visit on the said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The PIO is further directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand when he visits at their concerned office on 02.11.2020, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO.

This case is adjourned to '22.12.2020 at 11:00 A.M.' and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2020, which is going to be heard through **Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

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



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

...Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council,  
Mullanpur Dakha, District: Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4516 of 2019**

**{Heard through Video Conference CISCO WEBEX MEETINGS Software}**

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

Sh. Manohar Singh, Executive Officer –cum- PIO {**Additional Charge**}  
is present.

**ORDER:**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 21.07.2020 vide which the Appellant was directed to visit the office on 25.08.2020 to collect the records after inspecting the same.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar states that the inspection took place and he has been given incomplete information, which is taken on record.

On the other hand, PIO, Sh. Manohar Singh states that he has recently joined the office and he is unaware of the facts of this case and further requests for a date and also requests the Court to announce a new date for inspection as well.

Commission takes a very serious view of the casual approach of the PIO, as still incomplete information has been supplied to the Appellant.

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

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

After discussing with both the parties, it has been decided that the Appellant will visit the concerned office on **02.11.2020 at 11:00 A.M.** for collecting the specific information after



inspecting the records. **Sh. Manohar Singh, PIO and other concerned officials are directed to be present there on the said date and time to facilitate the Appellant and to supply the record.**

If the Appellant doesn't visit on the said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The PIO is further directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant by hand when he visits at their concerned office on 02.11.2020, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO.

This case is adjourned to '22.12.2020 at 11:00 A.M.' and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 22.12.2020, which is going to be heard through **Video Conference Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 29.09.2020**

Sd/-  
**(Sanjiv Garg)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**Show Cause:**

**{Regd. Post} Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha,  
District Ludhiana (Punjab)**