



Parveen Kumar Sayal,
"Sayal & Company",
Octroi Contractor,
Sirhind,
Distt. – Fatehgarh Sahib - 140406(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1715 of 2021

Present : Sh. N. K. Sayal, 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 22.12.2020. First appeal is dated 03.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 05.04.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 14.07.2021,

- i) Sh. N. K. Sayal stated that no information supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present, moreover, the requisite information was not supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker and a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to PIO concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission.
- iv) An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information and also 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.

Sh. N. K. Sayal, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

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

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After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 14.07.2021 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 the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 14.07.2021, 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 making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government, Chandigarh. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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
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86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing. He is also advised to represent this case in person on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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.

The case is adjourned to 13th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th September, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Harshinder Singh
S/o Sh. Suba Singh,
Rasulpur (Rohi) Kallar,
40, Khuh Zorha Phatak,
Amritsar - 143001(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintendent Grade – 1
O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Service Cell, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1762 of 2021

Present : Sh. Harshinder Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Mannveer Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government LG - I Branch, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 30.12.2020. First appeal is dated 30.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.04.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 14.07.2021,

- i) Sh. Mannveer Singh, Senior Assistant of office of Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government LG - I Branch, stated that the information sought for by the appellant is regarding an enquiry report on a complaint, which has not been completed yet as an enquiry is under process before the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar and a letter was sent to that office vide letter no. 1538 dated 11.10.2019 with the directions to complete the enquiry by involving the appellant in the investigation and send the enquiry report but no report was received from that office.
- ii) The appellant was not present.
- iii) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to send a copy of the letter dated 11.10.2019, through which directions were given to Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to complete the enquiry and file a status report regarding action taken on the RTI request filed by the appellant, which must be accompanied with supporting documents as per official record.

Sh. Mannveer Singh, Senior Assistant of office of Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government LG - I Branch, who appeared in today's hearing, states that in compliance to the order dated 14.07.2021, a reply sent vide letter no. 1538 dated 11.10.2019 to the office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar with the directions to complete the enquiry by involving the appellant in the investigation and send the enquiry report, has been sent to the Commission through an e-mail, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Harshinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information sought for by him is regarding an enquiry report on a complaint, which has been filed to the PIO of office of Superintendent Grade – 1 of Municipal Service Cell of office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh not to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, hence he is not Satisfied with the reply given by LG-1 Branch.

The respondent PIO concerned of office of Municipal Service Cell of office of Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh is directed to send certified copies of the required information or a specific reply, in writing, as present status report under his signatures regarding action taken report on the RTI request filed by the appellant to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information/reply or not.

The case is adjourned to 13th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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P. D. Bansal,
94, City Homes Colony,
Near Spring Dale School,
Khanna (Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

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

... Respondents

Encl ; i) RTI request
ii) Letter dated 19.11.2019

Complaint Case No. 411 of 2021

Present : Sh. P. D. Bansal, 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 20.07.2020. The complaint has been received in the
Commission on 05.04.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 14.07.2021 ;

- i) The complainant stated that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present in today's hearing.
- iii) As RTI request of the complainant was forwarded by the Superintendent Crime – 2 office of Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab Deptt. of Local Government vide letter no. 50950 dated 19.11.2019, hence, a copy of the order was sent to Public Information Officer office of office of Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab Deptt. of Local Government 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 through RTI request with a copy to the Commission and also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed to clear the facts of this case.

The complainant, Sh. P. D. Bansal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

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

Despite the fact that a copy of the order dated 14.07.2021 passed by the Commission was sent to Public Information Officer office of office of Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab Deptt. of Local Government 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 through RTI request. Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 14.07.2021.

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 Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab Deptt. of Local Government, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and 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 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. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post with a copy of RTI request.

An 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 or e-mail 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. 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.

The case is adjourned to 13th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Punjab**

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Jagsir Singh
S/o Sh. Gajjan Singh,
Ward No. 07, Moonak,
Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Panchayat,
Moonak, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 417 of 2021

Present : Sh. Jagsir Singh , the complainant in person.
Sh. Bal Krishan, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 18.01.2021. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 06.04.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 14.07.2021 ;

- i) The complainant stated that a reply was given to him by the respondent PIO, which is not relevant as through that reply he is intimated that the information sought him through RTI request is in nature of 'questions' and inspection of official record can be done by him.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present , moreover, the requisite information was supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker and a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to PIO for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- iii) An opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information to the complainant through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission
- iv) An opportunity was also given to the complainant to confirm whether he received the information and also 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.

The complainant, Sh. Jagsir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Sh. Bal Krishan, Executive Officer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been sent to the complainant vide letter no. 1074 dated 27.09.2021 intimating him that the information sought him through RTI request is in nature of 'questions' and inspection of official record can be done by him during office working hours. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1075 dated 27.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

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Nevertheless, the complainant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 05.10.2021 at 11:00 A. M. 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 05.10.2021 at 11:00 A. M and supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection.

An opportunity is also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, 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 by the next date of hearing.

Sh. Bal Krishan, Executive Officer or any of his representative, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

The date and time of inspection of relevant official record has been announced to both the parties during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case.

The case is adjourned to 13th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Majhel Singh
S/o Sh. Mehar Singh,
Village – Gondpur, P. O. – Gardhwala,
Tehsil – Dasuya, Distt. - Hoshiarpur(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Agricultural Officer,
Hoshiarpur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Deptt.,
Phase – 6, Agriculture Bhawan,
S. A. S. Nagar(Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 757 of 2020

Present : Sh. Majhel Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Viney Sharma, Chief Agricultural Officer, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 04.09.2019. First appeal is dated 31.10.2019. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 14.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 14.07.2021,

- i) The appellant stated that he visited the office of the respondent on 27.04.2021 and only official record of Block of Mukerian was presented to him to inspect and for rest of the Blocks, he was intimated by the PIO that he would be called for inspection.
- ii) Sh. Viney Sharma, Chief Agricultural Officer, stated that the appellant visited the office of the respondent to inspect the official record and record of Block Mukerian was presented to him and the requisite information of 329 pages was provided to the appellant vide letter dated 09.06.2021 through registered post and remaining information of various Blocks would be provided to him.
- iii) The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 15.07.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the remaining information and collect the same after identification.
- iv) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the remaining information of various Blocks to the appellant (which would be identified by him after inspection) during his visit to office. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the information or not.

Sh. Viney Sharma, Chief Agricultural Officer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the requisite information of 127 pages of Block Talwara, 141 pages of Block Tanda, 132 pages of Block Mukerian and 41 pages of Block Hajipur, has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 3571 dated 17.09.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 3572 dated 17.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

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

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to bring a copy of the information (which was already supplied to the appellant) with the relevant official record in the Commission before the bench of the undersigned on the next date of hearing fixed.

Both the parties are directed to be present with the information (already supplied in the instant complaint-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab so that facts of this case could be cleared.

If the respondent PIO would not appear before the Commission to attend the hearing, action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act.

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is satisfied with the supplied information and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 02.12.2021 at 12:00 Noon 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 September, 2021

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Shakti Bhushan
S/o Sh. Kewal krishan,
Gali Bhani Sahib, Ward - 08,
Dhanaula, Distt. – Barnala (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1297 of 2019

Present : Sh. Shakti Bhushan, the appellant in person.
Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Chandigarh, for the respondent, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 08.11.2018. First appeal is dated 19.12.2018. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.04.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 14.07.2021;

- i) Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary office of Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur, stated that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information was supplied to the appellant.
- ii) The respondent PIO had not sent any document, which shows that the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon him vide order dated 18.09.2019, is deposited.
- iii) Last and final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the order dated 18.09.2019 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 5,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government and send a copy of challan receipt to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan, appeared in person in today's hearing.

Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, who appeared in today's hearing, states that a file regarding deduction of penalty has been sent for approval of the concerned authority and a reply vide letter no. 24236 dated 28.09.2021 has been received from D. C. (F & A) intimating that till date Pension/Provincial pension of the concerned PIO (on whom penalty was imposed) has not been approved and whenever, approval of higher authorities would be given deduction of penalty amount would be done. She also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 24236 dated 28.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the order dated 18.09.2019 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 5,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab 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

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 13th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Shakti Bhushan S/o Sh. Kewal krishan,
Gali Bhani Sahib, Ward - 08,
Dhanaula, Distt. – Barnala (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department,
O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1304 of 2019

Present : Sh. Shakti Bhushan, the appellant in person.
i) Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Chandigarh ;
ii) Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Junior Assistant O/o Secretary, Regional Transport
Authority, Faridkot, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 08.11.2018. First appeal is dated 07.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.04.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 14.07.2021, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, stated that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant. Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, stated that a letter no. 17471-73 dated 09.07.2021 has been sent by D. C. (F & A) to Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur regarding deduction of penalty. As the respondent PIO had not sent any document, which shows that the penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- (penalty already imposed Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 04.12.2019) + enhanced Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 19.08.2020) = Rs. 10,000/-) was deposited, hence, an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the above-said order dated 04.12.2019 and 19.08.2020 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 10,000/- in the and a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan, appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO as he has demanded information regarding sale Bills of registration of Swaraz Tractors.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot to send a reply, in writing, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission specifically mentioning that available information regarding sale Bills of registration of Swaraz Tractors has been supplied.

Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, who appeared in today's hearing, states that a reply vide letter no. 24252 dated 28.09.2021 has been received from D. C. (F & A) intimating that order dated 04.12.2019 and 19.08.2020 passed by the Commission, through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (penalty already imposed Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 04.12.2019) + enhanced Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 19.08.2020) was imposed upon the PIO and necessary deduction would be made from the salary (released for the month of September, 2021) of the concerned PIO. She also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 24251 dated 28.09.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the order dated 04.12.2019 and 19.08.2020 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 10,000/- /- (penalty already imposed Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 04.12.2019) + enhanced Rs. 5000/- (vide orders dated 19.08.2020) in the Treasury of Punjab Government.

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

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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

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

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Jagat Ram S/o Sh. Dina Nath,
Village – Nanowal,
P. O. – Ganguwal,
Teh. – SriAnandpur Sahib,
Distt. - Roopnagar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Forest Range Officer,
SriAnandpur Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Conservator of Forests, Punjab,
Forest Complex, Sector 68,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1958 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jagat Ram, 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 28.02.2020. First appeal is dated 12.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.07.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 14.07.2021 ;

- i) The appellant stated that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.
- ii) Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present. He had also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability, moreover, the requisite information was not supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker.
- iii) For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer office.
- iv) The appellant was advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 09.09.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.
- v) The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during his visit on 09.09.2021 at 11:00 A. M. supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection. If any information, to any query/queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, is not available or maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply, in writing, to the particular query/queries, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.
- vi) An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, 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 appellant, Sh. Jagat Ram, appeared in person in today's hearing.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4610 dated 15.09.2021 signed by Divisional Forest Officer, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 21271 dated 17.09.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant by Forest Range Officer, SriAnandpur Sahib vide letter dated 08.09.2021, appended to which is an acknowledgement receipt signed by the appellant. It, alongwith a copy of acknowledgement receipt, is taken on record

As far as the information is concerned that has been supplied in the instant appeal-case but the respondent PIO has not sent any document, which shows that the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon him vide order dated 14.07.2021, has been deposited.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the order dated 14.07.2021 passed by the Commission by paying penalty of Rs. 5,000/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab 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

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent alongwith orders dated 14.07.2021 through registered post to the Conservator of Forests, Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab) with the advice to ensure compliance of the orders dated 14.07.2021 (through which penalty was imposed) passed by the Commission.

The case is adjourned to 13th December, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 29th September, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd.Post)

The Conservator of Forests, Punjab,
Forest Complex, Sector 68,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

Encl : Orders dated 14.07.2021