



Prem Kumar Rattan,
H. No. 78/8,
Park Road, Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Tehsildar,
Dhuri,
Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Dhuri,
Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 173 of 2021

Present : Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, 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 10.10.2020. First appeal is dated 11.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2021, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information regarding registry norms or rules to the appellant. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be 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. Prem Kumar Rattan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

The respondent through a reply vide letter no. 16 dated 05.04.2021 signed by First Appellate Authority-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dhuri, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 8717 dated 19.04.2021, has intimated the Commission that a reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 05.04.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

As complete 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 06.04.2021. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Tehsildar, Dhuri as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying complete information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

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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.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to supply the required information to the appellant by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not. He is 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 adjourned to 15th September, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 30th June, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Prem Kumar Rattan,
H. No. 78/8,
Park Road, Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 177 of 2021

Present : Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, the appellant in person.
Sh. Baljit Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Tapa of District Barnala, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 11.09.2020 First appeal is dated 26.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2021, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information to the appellant. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was also issued to Public Information Officer concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Baljit Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Tapa of District Barnala, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, orally states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information of twenty nine pages has already been supplied to the appellant Singh through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 15 dated 21.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith annexure with a copy of postal-

The appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has received the required information yesterday i. e. 29.06.2021 and seeks an adjournment in this case so that deficiencies, if any, could be pointed out in the supplied information.

An opportunity is also 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 or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 15th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Rajinder Kumar,
141, Street No. 6,
Puniya Colony, Haripura Road,
Sangrur - 148001(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Chief Engineer(South),
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Non-Gazetted branch , Patiala (Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Chief Engineer(South),
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Establishment Gazetted branch, Patiala (Punjab)

Encl:RTI request
First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Water Supply & Sanitation,
Pb. Mini Sectt., Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 264 of 2021

Present : Sh. Rajinder Kumar, the appellant in person.
Ms. Naveen Verma, Executive Engineer(Non-Gazetted Branch), for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 26.09.2020. First appeal is dated 09.11.2020. Second appeal has
been received in the Commission on 31.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2021, the appellant was advised to visit the office
of the respondent PIO on 07.04.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the required information and 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 appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that
incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

Ms. Naveen Verma, Executive Engineer, (Non-Gazetted branch), who appeared on behalf of
the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that whatever information relates with Non-Gazetted branch
has been supplied to the appellant and remaining information relates with office of Deputy Director(Admin.)
Establishment Gazetted branch of office of Chief Engineer, Planning, Design.

As part information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with
Establishment Gazetted branch office of Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Patiala, hence, Public
Information Officer office of Chief Engineer(South), Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Establishment
Gazetted branch Patiala be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him
alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the
required information (whichever query/queries relates to their branch) to the appellant with a copy to the
Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The Public Information Officer or representative of office of Chief Engineer(South), Water
Supply & Sanitation Division (i) Establishment Non-Gazetted branch and ii) Gazetted branch) Patiala is
directed to remain present on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO
Webex Meetings' so that the facts of this case could be cleared.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the
information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

The case is adjourned to 15th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for
hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 30th June, 2021

Encl:RTI request

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Rohit Sabarwal,
Kundan Bhawan, 126,
Model Gram, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 267 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Major Singh, Legal Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 08.09.2020. First appeal is dated 22.10.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2021, the respondent PIO concerned was
directed to supply the required information to the appellant. An opportunity was also given to the
appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, in
writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent.

Sh. Major Singh, Legal Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in
today's hearing, orally states that the appellant was called to inspect the relevant official record
on 01.07.2021 in other cases fixed before the Commission with mutual consent of both the
parties(appellant and respondent) to identify the required information so that the same could be
supplied to the appellant.

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate (authorized representative of the appellant, Sh.
Rohit Sabarwal) through a letter dated 25.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission
through an e-mail, has sought an adjournment in this case and through that letter, she has also
intimated the Commission that incorrect information has been supplied to him by the respondent
PIO. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to
inspect the relevant official record on 01.07.2021 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 on 01.07.2021 at 11:00 A. M. so that information could be identified by
him or his representative. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant,
which would be identified after inspection.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in
the information, which would be supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so
that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 14th September, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing
through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 30th June, 2021

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Rohit Sabarwal,
Kundan Bhawan, 126,
Model Gram, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 270 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Major Singh, Legal Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 08.09.2020. First appeal is dated 22.10.2020. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 31.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2021, the respondent PIO concerned was
directed to supply the required information to the appellant. An opportunity was also given to the
appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, in
writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent.

Sh. Major Singh, Legal Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in
today's hearing, orally states that the appellant was called to inspect the relevant official record
on 01.07.2021 in other cases fixed before the Commission with mutual consent of both the
parties(appellant and respondent) to identify the required information so that the same could be
supplied to the appellant.

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate (authorized representative of the appellant, Sh.
Rohit Sabarwal) through a letter dated 25.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission
through an e-mail, has sought an adjournment in this case and through that letter, she has also
intimated the Commission that incorrect information has been supplied to him by the respondent
PIO. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to
inspect the relevant official record on 01.07.2021 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 on 01.07.2021 at 11:00 A. M. so that information could be identified by
him or his representative. He is also directed to supply the required information to the appellant,
which would be identified after inspection.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in
the information, which would be supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so
that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 14th September, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing
through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Ashok Kumar Watts,
H. No. B-V-1534,
Street No. 01, Lajpat Nagar,
Abohar, Distt. – Fazilka - 152116(Punjab)

....Appellant

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

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. 430 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, 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 19.10.2020. First appeal is dated 21.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 12.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2021, the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information to the appellant. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Ashok Kumar Watts, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 03 is not complete.

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, complete 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 06.04.2021. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of 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 complete information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed 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.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 20.07.2021 at 12:00 Noon to identify the remaining information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 20.07.2021 at 12:00 Noon so that remaining information could be identified by him. He is also directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant, which would be identified after inspection.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

The case is adjourned to 15th September, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 30th June, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Arvinder Pal Singh

S/o Late Sh. Pritam Singh,
H. No. 16976, Street No. 1-A,
Aggarwal Colony,
Bathinda (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Division No. 01 & 02,
Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board,
Bathinda (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 474 of 2021

Present : Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, 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 27.07.2020. First appeal is dated 05.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 13.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2021, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record during the appellant's visit to the office during working hours so that information could be identified by him. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The appellant, Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO as information at point no. 03, 05 and 06 of the RTI request is not complete, moreover, the same information, which has already been given, is again given to him with a copy of map, which was never demanded 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, complete 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 06.04.2021. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Division No. 01 & 02, Bathinda, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying complete information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed 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.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 01.07.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the remaining information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 01.07.2021 at 11:00 A. M. so that remaining information could be identified by him or his representative. He is also directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant, which would be identified after inspection.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the remaining information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

The case is adjourned to 15th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 30th June, 2021

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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Prem Kumar Rattan,
H. No. 78/8,
Park Road, Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 497 of 2021

Present : Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, the appellant in person.
Sh. Baljit Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Tapa of District Barnala, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 29.10.2020 First appeal is dated 28.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 15.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2021, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information to the appellant. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was also issued to Public Information Officer concerned under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Baljit Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Tapa of District Barnala, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, orally states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant

The appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has received the required information yesterday i. e. 29.06.2021 and seeks an adjournment in this case so that deficiencies, if any, could be pointed out in the supplied information.

An opportunity is also 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 or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 15th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Surinder Mittal,
H. No. 302,
Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar,
Phagwara - 144402(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

Complaint Case No. 109 of 2021

Present : Sh. Surinder Mittal, the complainant in person.
Sh. Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant O/o Director Local Government, Punjab(Trust Services Cell) , on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 22.06.2020. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 13.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2021, PIO office of Trust Services Cell office of Director Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh was impleaded as party in the instant appeal-case.

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

Sh. Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant office of Director Local Government, Punjab (Trust Services Cell), who appeared in today's hearing, states that the information sought by the complainant through RTI request is not found available in the official-record.

As Sh. Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant has orally stated that the information sought by the complainant through RTI request is not found available in the official-record but no written-reply has been received from the office of Director Local Government, Punjab(Trust Services Cell) in the Commission.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO office of Director Local Government, Punjab(Trust Services Cell) to send a proper written reply to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission, stating that the required information is not found available in the official record, mentioning the reasons whether official record is missing or destroyed and if destruction of record has been done, a copy of Office-order (if destruction of record has been done) be sent, by the next date of hearing.

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As the RTI request of the complainant is addressed to PIO office of Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government but 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. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Principal Secretary to Government. of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Government, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed 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.

The case is adjourned to 15th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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CC :

(Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Superintendent,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. of Local Government,
(LG – II Branch)
Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03,
Chandigarh

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



Brish Bhan
S/o Sh. Saroop Chand,
House Number 33, Kahangarh Road,
Patran, Distt. Patiala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Panchayat,
Dirba, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 516 of 2021

Present : Sh. Brish Bhan , 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 16.10.2020. First appeal is dated 25.11.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.01.2021.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to send a copy of the postal receipt, showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant through a letter, which was sent to him (the appellant) through registered post. And if the required fee was demanded from the appellant within stipulated time, then the appellant would deposit the required fee to the office of the respondent to collect the required information.

The appellant, Sh. Brish Bhan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received any letter from the office of respondent PIO to deposit the required fee.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the postal receipt, showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant through a letter, which was sent to him (the appellant) through registered post. And if the required fee was demanded from the appellant within stipulated time, then the appellant would deposit the required fee to the office of the respondent to collect the required information and if the respondent failed to submit any supporting document showing that the required fee was demanded from the appellant through a letter, which was sent to him (the appellant) through registered post then he is directed to supply the required information to the appellant 'free of cost'. He is also directed to represent this case in person on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The case is adjourned to 15th September, 2021 (Wednesday) 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 : 30th June, 2021

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Tehsil – Abohar, Distt. - Fazilka(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Abohal Canal Lining Division,
Canal Colony, Abohar, Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Abohal Canal Lining Division,
SriMuktsar Sahib (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Irrigation Department,
Ferozepur Canal Circle, Ferozepur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 495 of 2020

Present : Sh. Gurmeet Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Alok Chowdhary, S. D. O. O/o Abohal Canal Lining Division, SriMuktsar Sahib, for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 29.08.2019. First appeal is dated 08.11.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmeet 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. Alok Chowdhary, S. D. O. office of Abohal Canal Lining Division, SriMuktsar Sahib, who appeared in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, a reply has been given to the appellant vide letter no. 2099-2103 dated 16.06.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter dated 16.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13417 dated 21.06.2021. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 45 dated 10.06.2021 signed by Public Information Officer-cum- Executive Engineer, Abohar Canal Lining Division, Abohar, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 13417 dated 21.06.2021, has intimated the Commission that in response to the RTI request, a reply has been given to the appellant vide letter no. 44 dated 10.06.2021 intimating him that the information sought through RTI request is for the period from 1984 to 2000, which is more than thirty years old and the official record is not available. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, Both the PIOs office of i) Executive Engineer, Abohar Canal Lining Division, Abohar and ii) Executive Engineer, Abohar Canal Lining Division, SriMuktsar Sahib are directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is adjourned to 15th September, 2021 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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.... Complainant

V/s

i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Hon'ble Health Minister,
Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

ii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Commissioner,
Food and Drug Administration,
Near Civil Hospital,
Encl : RTI request Kharar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 04 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.

- i) Sh. Harpreet Singh, Senior Assistant, Health – 04 Branch ;
- ii) Sh. Sarabjit Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Food and Drug Administration, Kharar, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 29.09.2018. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 17.12.2018.

On the last date of hearing, held on 06.04.2021, the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post and the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him.

Sh. Harpreet Singh, Senior Assistant of Health – 04 Branch, who appeared for the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant.

Sh. Sarabjit Singh, Senior Assistant office of Food and Drug Administration, Kharar, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant through registered post and a reply, has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 949 dated 04.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of postal-receipt, is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, through a letter dated 30.06.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail has intimated the Commission that he has pointed out deficiencies through a letter dated 27.03.2021, which have not been removed by the respondent PIO till date.

Nevertheless, last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant through a letter dated 27.03.2021, to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission. A copy of the letter dated 27.03.2021, through which deficiencies have been pointed out, be sent to PIO office of office of Food and Drug Administration, Kharar.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not.

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