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



Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
R/o Romana Street, Jaito,
Tehsil Jaito, District Faridkot.

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2174 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg is present.
Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 10.02.2020, the date of First Appeal is 16.03.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 04.05.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg states that he has applied as Compliant Case before the Commission whose case number was 366 of 2020 which was heard by the Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Khushwant Singh and in his order dated 16.03.2021 he remanded back the case i.e. CC 366 of 2020 to the First Appellate Authority, Office of The Director, Local Government, Punjab, Sector 35 – A, Chandigarh but the department has not supplied any information. Due to which he has applied for the Appeal Case before the Commission and the hearing for this present case has been fixed for today.

As, no information has been supplied to the Appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO and further the Respondent / PIO is directed to look into this matter and accordingly supply the information to the Appellant.

By the time, the hearing of this present appeal case was over and the Appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg left the meeting then the Senior Assistant, Ms. Sarabjit Kaur connected through Cisco Webex Meeting and further mentions about an email dated 07.08.2021 which has been sent to the Commission which is taken on record.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is directed to appear in person for clarifying the facts of this case on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software and further the PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 10.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 10.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 31.08.2021

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Sh. Jagjit Singh,

R/o Aman Nagar, Street No. 03,

Backside Green Land School, Near Jalandhar By Pass,

Ludhiana (M: 99142-48131)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Superintendent (Municipal Service Cell),

Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Additional Director,

Department of Local Government,

Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2206 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh is present.

Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant, Municipal Service Cell is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 14.01.2021, the date of First Appeal is 24.02.2021 and the date of Appeal filed in the Commission is 07.05.2021.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh states that the information has been supplied to him relating to point number 2, 3 and 4 and information relating to point number 1 is pending only.

In relating to point number 01, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Vikas Kumar states that the current work and responsibilities of the ATP in Punjab of all municipal corporation commissioner is fixed at their own level of all the respective Municipal Corporations concerned.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and PIO is directed to write the same in writing signed by the PIO (as above stated by the Senior Assistant, Sh. Vikas Kumar) and supply the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Jagjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 17.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sh. Om Prakash, (M: 94173-09989)

S/o Sh. Raj Kumar,

R/o Ward No. 06, Street Gumiyan Wali, Gandhi Nagar,

Fazilka (152123) Tehsil and Distt. Fazilka.

Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Head Master,

Sri Jain Elementary Primary School,

Shiv Puri Road, Fazilka.

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 525 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present : Sh. Ankush Jindal is present on behalf of the Complainant, Sh. Om Prakash .
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 25.03.2021 and the date of Complainant filed in the Commission is 29.04.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Complainant, Sh. Ankush Jindal requests for an adjournment by stating that the Complainant, Sh. Om Prakash would not be attending the case today as his mother is not well.

On the other hand, none is present from the department. An email dated 30.08.2021 has been received from the department through email id ajaykumarthakral@gmail.com in which Sh. Ajay Kumar, Head Teacher of Sri Jain Elementary Primary School, Fazilka has written that he is not well and further requested for a date.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is advised to appear in person for clarifying the facts of this case on the next date of hearing which is going to be heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software and further the PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply**) to the Complainant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also advised to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Complainant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Complainant, Sh. Om Prakash is advised to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 17.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sh. Hakam Singh, S/o Sh. Darshan Singh,
R/o Madhir, Tehsil Gidderbaha,
Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib. (M: 99146-92355)

Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Local Government Department, Punjab,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Giddarbaha,
Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.(Punjab)

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 550 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present : The Complainant, Sh. Hakam Singh is absent.
Sh. Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant from office of Local Government, Punjab Chandigarh along with
Sh. Jagshir Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Giddarbaha is present from the Department.

ORDER:

The date of RTI Application is 24.02.2021 and the date of Complainant filed in the Commission is 03.05.2021.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Hakam Singh is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

On the other hand, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Amit Kumar states that the RTI Application of the Complainant has been transferred to the office of Municipal Council, Giddarbaha through letter dated 25.03.2021 and further mentions about a letter dated 06.07.2021 which has been sent to the Commission.

From the office of Municipal Council, Giddarbaha the Executive Officer, Sh. Jagshir Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Complainant and further states that the copy of information has been sent to the Commission vide endorsement letter number MCGDB/RTI/13 dated 17.08.2021 along with annexure, which is taken on record.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the Complainant, Sh. Hakam Singh and he is advised to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits.

Also, the PIO is advised to supply the requisite information again to the Complainant **only if any deficiencies** would be pointed out by the Complainant to the Department well in time. The PIO is also advised to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would already have been supplied to the Complainant, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be also sent to the Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Giddarbaha, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.(Punjab)

This case is adjourned to 17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 17.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill,
H. No. 60-35-P-376-1, Street Number 08,
Maha Singh Nagar,
P.O. Dhandhari Kalan, Ludhiana (141014)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Govt. Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,
Plot Number 03, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab).

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Govt. Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A,
Plot Number 03, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1309 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present : Sh. Gurmej Lal is present on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh.
Ms. Kashish Garg, Buidling Inspector, Zone - C,
Sh. Dolaram, Clerk, Zone –C along with
Sh. Harjeet Singh, Draftsmen, Zone – D are present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case may be read with the reference of previous order dated 16.06.2021.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal states that the information which has been supplied to them is not relevant to their RTI Application.

To which, the Draftsmen of Zone-D, Sh. Harjeet Singh states that whatever information (whether it is wrong or right) was available in their file has already been sent to the Appellant and if still he is not satisfied then he could inspect the record by visiting his office.

In view of above, the Appellant is directed to visit the **concerned office on 31.08.2021 i.e. today at 03.00 P.M. positively to meet Sh. Harjeet Singh, Draftsmen, Zone-D for clarifying the facts and collect the information (as per RTI Application)** from the department and if the Appellant does not visit the concerned office for collecting the record on the said date and time then it would be presumed that he does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

If the Appellant visits for the inspection and the inspection could not take place on the said date and time from the Department's end then it would be presumed that the concerned department is misleading the Court.

The PIO is also directed to hand over the information (as per RTI Application) to the Appellant and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to submit the same in writing along with a reason, to the Appellant along with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 16.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 16.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sh. Ranjit Singh,
S/o Gurmail Singh,
Village Patti Chahalan Gatta, Factory Road,
VPO Bhawanigarh -148026, Distt. Sangrur (Punjab)

Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer, (Primary),
Sangrur (Punjab) -148001

Respondent

Complaint Case No. 306 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present : The Complainant, Sh. Ranjit Singh is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.06.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the Respondent / PIO concerned to file a written – reply in an affidavit signed by the concerned PIO to each and every query raised by the Complainant through RTI request and send the same (in original) to the Complainant through registered post with a copy to the Commission, stating that the information (mentioning particular query/ queries raised through RTI request), is not available or not maintained in the official record.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Ranjit Singh states that no information / affidavit has been supplied to him after the last order of the Commission dated 16.06.2021.

On the other hand, none is present from the Department. A letter dated 18.06.2021 signed by the District Education Officer (Elementary), Sangrur has been received in the Commission, **which is found to be unsatisfactory in nature, as the Department should have explained properly that why the record is not available in their office** and also the Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO as the Respondent / PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission and the information / affidavit is still not supplied to the Complainant as per order of the Commission dated 16.06.2021.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to the 'concerned' Public Information Officer O/o The District Education Officer, (Primary), Sangrur (Punjab), 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. A copy of the RTI Application be sent to the concerned PIO along with this order through registered post.

The concerned PIO is advised to supply the requisite information to the Complainant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is advised to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Complainant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

Complaint Case No. 306 of 2021
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The PIO is also advised to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Complainant, Sh. Ranjit Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 17.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Dated: 31.08.2021

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Punjab

Show Cause:

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The District Education Officer, (Primary),
Sangrur (Punjab) -148001
 {Encl. RTI Application}

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Sh. Madan Lal, S/o Sh. Ramji Dass,
R/o House No. 51, Ward No. 4 B,
Near Gaushala Gate, M K Road,
Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur (148024) Punjab

Appellant

V/s.

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

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1361 of 2021

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present : Sh. Munish Jindal is present on behalf of the Appellant, Sh. Madan Lal.
Sh. Kuldeep Singh, ASI is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.06.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the Respondent / PIO concerned to send a written reply in an affidavit signed by the concerned PIO, to the Appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission, stating that the remaining information mentioning particular query / queries raised through RTI request, is not available in the official record, mentioning the reasons whether the official record is destroyed. If destruction of record has been done, a copy of office- order (by whose order destruction was done) be enclosed as supporting document.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Appellant, Sh. Munish Jindal states that the information which has been supplied to him is incomplete and misleading in nature. He further requests for CDR as per RTI Application and further requests the Court for the same.

On the other hand, ASI, Sh. Kuldeep Singh states that as per record of SHO no record is available.

In view of above, both the parties are directed to appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case.

The concerned PIO is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to the RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The Appellant or the representative of the Appellant is directed to appear in the Commission with all the requisite documents relating to this RTI on the next date of hearing, failing which it would be presumed that the Appellant does not require the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to 21.10.2021 at 12:00 Noon and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 21.10.2021 which is going to be heard in the Court Room at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector -16, Chandigarh.

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Sh. Raj Kumar, S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
House No.992, Ward No. 26,
Mohalla Kajia, Pathankot (145001) Punjab

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation,
Division No. 01 , Pathankot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply and Sanitation,
Division No. 01 , Pathankot (Punjab)

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1366 of 2021
{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Raj Kumar is absent.
Sh. Sahil Saini, SDO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.06.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the Respondent / PIO to supply the information to the Appellant and also Appellant was directed to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Raj Kumar is absent. A letter dated 07.08.2021 signed by the Appellant has been received in the Commission vide which he has written that no information has been supplied to him and is taken on record.

On the other hand, the SDO, Sh. Sahil Saini states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant vide letter dated 23.08.2021. He further states that a copy of the cover letter dated 23.08.2021 along with the copy of the postal receipt dated 24.08.2021 has also been sent to the Commission vide email dated 27.08.2021, which is taken on record.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the Appellant and further the Appellant, Raj Kumar is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission, failing which it would be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case will be decided on merits, on the next date of hearing.

Also, the PIO is directed to supply the requisite information again to the Appellant **only if any deficiencies** would be pointed out by the Appellant to the Department well in time.

This case is adjourned to 17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 17.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Sh. Kuldeep Raj Mahajan,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Eastern Canal Division,
Ferozepur (Punjab)

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3469 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.
Sh. Tehal Singh, S.D.O is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.06.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the Respondent / PIO to supply the information to the Appellant relating to point number 02 of the RTI Application.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that the Respondent / PIO is sending him unwanted documents which have not been requested by him through his RTI Application.

On this, the SDO, Sh. Tehal Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant. He further mentions a letter dated 2947 – 52 dated 25.08.2021 vide which information has been supplied to the Appellant as well as a copy of the same has been sent to the Commission vide email dated 26.08.2021, which is taken on record.

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan and the SDO, Sh. Tehal Singh are directed to have a word on phone with each other so that the particular information which the Appellant's requires through this present case RTI would be clear to the Respondent / PIO and the same could be supplied by the Department to the Appellant well in time.

An opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is directed to supply the requisite information (**after removing the deficiencies**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

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Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, S/o Sh. Kuldeep Raj Mahajan,
Opposite Water Tank, Municipal Market,
Mission Road, Pathankot (Punjab)

Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Eastern Canal Division,
Ferozepur (Punjab)

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

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3470 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is present.
None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.06.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the Respondent / PIO to supply the information to the Appellant relating to the RTI Application.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan states that the Respondent / PIO is sending him unwanted documents which have not been requested by him through his RTI Application.

On this, none is present from the Department.

As hearing of this case started the SDO, Sh. Tehal Singh left the meeting on Cisco Webex and nobody reconnected from the Department.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that a letter number 2940-45 dated 25.08.2021 vide information has been supplied to the Appellant has also been sent to the Commission vide email dated 26.08.2021 has been received in the Commission and is taken on record.

In view of above, the Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is directed to go through the supplied information and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan and the SDO, Sh. Tehal Singh are directed to have a word on phone with each other so that the particular information which the Appellant's requires through this present case RTI would be clear to the Respondent / PIO and the same could be supplied by the Department to the Appellant well in time.

An opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is directed to supply the requisite information (**after removing the deficiencies**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to 17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 17.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 31.08.2021

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner
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Appellant

V/s.

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O/o The Director,
Local Govt. Punjab, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Plot No 3-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
Local Govt. Punjab, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Plot No 3-A, Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3594 of 2020

{Heard through Cisco Webex Meeting Software}

Present : The Appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh is present.
Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant is present from the Department.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.06.2021 vide which an opportunity was given to the Respondent / PIO to supply the information to the Appellant relating to the RTI Application and the Appellant is directed to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh states that no information has been supplied to him.

On this, the Senior Assistant, Sh. Vikas Kumar states that the information has been supplied to him.

But after having the point wise discussion with the parties it has been found that the department is having the wrong RTI Application relating to this case.

During the proceeding of the Court, the Appellant is directed to send this present case RTI Application to the Senior Assistant, Sh. Vikas Kumar through email or at his whatsapp number by today itself.

In view of above, an opportunity is given to the concerned PIO and he is directed to supply the requisite information (**point wise reply**) to the Appellant by registered post or email before the next date of hearing positively and if the information is not available with them then the PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit explaining the reason, why the information could not be supplied to the Appellant till date, failing which an action would be taken against the concerned PIO.

The PIO is also directed to submit the copy of the postal receipts to the Commission vide which information would have been supplied to the Appellant, by the next date of hearing.

Also, the Appellant, Sh. Amritpal Singh is directed to go through the supplied information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post or through email, with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to 17.11.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and both the parties are directed to be present on the next date of hearing i.e. 17.11.2021 which is going to be heard through Software/ Application Cisco Webex Meetings. Joining Meeting Number of Cisco Webex is 1589136034.

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