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Angrez Singh

S/o Sh. Gurmeet Singh,

Mamdot Uttar, P. O. – Mamdot,

Teh. & Distt. – Ferozepur – 152023 (Punjab)

....Appellant

Public Information Officer.

O/o The Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Faridkot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/ o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 35 of 2020

V/s

None on behalf of the appellant. Present:

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 18.08.2019. First appeal is dated 30.09.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.12.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.03.2020, a show-cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to the PIO office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Angrez Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to provide the certified copies of the required information as demanded through RTI request, to the appellant by the next date of hearing.

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.

Another opportunity is also given to the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative, on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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

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Gaurav Kumar Behki S/o Sh. Nand Kishore, R/o Village Ghanauli,

Tehsil & Distt.. Roopnagar (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o The Director,

Deptt. Of State Transport, Punjab.

Sector 17, Chandigarh ...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 623 of 2019

Sh. Gaurav Kumar Behki, the complainant in person. Present:

Sh. Kuldip Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 28.11.2018. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 18.07.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 20.02.2020, Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO requested for an adjournment in this case so that more efforts could be put to trace out the relevant official record and information could be supplied to the complainant.

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

Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he is trying to trace out the relevant official record so that information could be supplied to the complainant.

At present stage i. e. about more than eight months of the proceedings of this case, the above-mentioned oral-submission (made by Sh. Kuldeep Singh) during the hearing, stating that he is trying to trace out the relevant official record, is not acceptable.

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 Director, Deptt. Of State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh, 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.

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He is directed to file a written-submission in an affidavit stating that the required information is not found traceable in the official record or is missing. If missing, whether any FIR was lodged, if (FIR) lodged, a copy of FIR be sent to the Commission with affidavit, by the next date of hearing.

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 <u>adjourned to 15th February, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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Ram Chand Bansal S/o Sh. Hans Raj, # 24944, Street No. 2, Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Bathinda- 151001 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

i) Public Information Officer,
 O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
 Sector 17, Chandigarh

ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda(Punjab)

iii) Public Information Officer, (Regd. Post) O/o The General Manager,

P. R. T. C.,

Encl: RTI Request 22.10.2018 Bathinda Depot (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1991 of 2019

Present: Sh. Ram Chand Bansal, the appellant in person.

i) Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO on behalf of PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh

ii) Sh. Baljit Singh, Section Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 22.12.2018. First appeal is dated 06.03.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.05.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 05.02.2020, last opportunity was give to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Ram Chand Bansal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

In today's hearing, Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO appeared on behalf of PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

In today's hearing, Sh. Baljit Singh, Section Officer appeared from office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda and states that the information demanded through RTI request relate with office of General Manager, P. R. T. C., Bathinda Depot and the RTI request of the appellant was transferred by Public Information Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda to Public Information Officer office of General Manager, P. R. T. C., Bathinda Depot on 27.11.2019. A copy the letter dated 27.11.2019 be sent to the Commission positively.

As the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of General Manager, P. R. T. C., Bathinda Depot, hence, Public Information Officer office of office of General Manager, P. R. T. C., Bathinda Depot 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 to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing.

The Public Information Officer of office of General Manager, P. R. T. C., Bathinda Depot is also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' to clear the facts of this case.

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

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Encl: RTI Request 22.10.2018



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Jatinder Kumar

C/o Sh. Sachkhand Mishthan Bhandar, Nehru Gate, NawanShaher (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, NawanShaher (Punjab)

Date: 17th November, 2020

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2225 of 2019

Present: Sh. Jatinder Kumar, the appellant in person.

Sh. Sanjeev Sareen, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 05.03.2019. First appeal is dated 10.04.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.06.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 27.01.2020, last and final opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO to file a proper reply, in writing, to point no. 06 of the RTI request

Sh. Sanjeev Sareen, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that if the appellant would be more specific for what he demands, information would be provided to him positively

The appellant, Sh. Jatinder Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he only requires information of M/s Chandan Electricals mentioning Cheque and date.

Final opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO to supply the remaining information to the appellant by on the next date of hearing.

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V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4284 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Gurpal Singh, Superintendent-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 27.07.2019. First appeal is dated 10.09.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.11.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.02.2020, the appellant intimated that he received information at point no. 01, 03 and 04, which is not certified and no information was provided to him at point no. 02 of the RTI request. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the information (whatever information was already given) to the appellant, after getting it certified and also directed to supply the information at point no. 02 of the RTI request.

Sh. Gurpal Singh, Superintendent-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant through an e-mail vide letter dated 13.11.2020 and the same has been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 25557 dated 13.11.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 16.11.2020. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rupinder Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information already 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. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or it would be assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and the case would be decided on merits.

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

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...Appellant



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Ms. Madhu Sharma,

W/o Sh. Sawtantar Kumar Sharma,

R/o House Number 4811/1,

Sector - 38 (West), Chandigarh-(160014

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,

Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4291 of 2019

Present: Sh. Sahil Sharma on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Draftsman, Zone- D, on behalf of the respondent.

V/s.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 19.06.2019. First appeal is dated 29.08.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.11.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.02.2020, the Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Town Planner, Zone - D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana concerned was directed to file a point wise reply, in writing, to the query/queries, raised by the appellant through her RTI request and send the same to the appellant through registered post in advance with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Draftsman, Zone- D, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 129 dated 23.07.2019 and again vide letter dated 29.06.2020 and send the above mentioned replies to the Commission vide letter no. 588 dated 29.06.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 7823 dated 06.07.2020.

Sh. Sahil Sharma who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Ms. Madhu Sharma, in today's hearing, states that the information given to the appellant is not as per queries raised through RTI request.

The respondent PIO is directed to file a written-submission in an affidavit clearly mentioning, whether the site-plan demanded through RTI request, is not found in the official record or has not been passed, by the next date of hearing.

As the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of more than one year, 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.

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 Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, Zone- D, Ludhiana, 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.

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Daljit Kumar S/o Sh. Bachan Lal,

(Regd. Post) R/o Ward Number 12,

Backside Jain Mandir,

Amloh Road, Khanna(Punjab)

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer. (Regd. Post)

Municipal Council, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Deputy Director,

Date: 17th November, 2020

Urban Local Bodies, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

...Appellant

Appeal Case No. 4320 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 23.03.2019. First appeal is dated 11.06.2019. Second

appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.11.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.02.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to provide the certified copies of the available information to the appellant on 12.03.2020 at 11:00 A. M.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Daljit Kumar nor the respondent or any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to provide the certified copies of the available information to the appellant on 17.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M. The appellant is also advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 17.12.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the required 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 by the next date of hearing.

Another opportunity is given to the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative, on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Kewal Singh S/o Sh. Ram Partap,

R/o Professor Colony,

Lalheri Road, Teh: Khanna,

Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)



...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab)

Date: 17th November, 2020

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director,

Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4341 of 2019

Present: Sh. Kewal Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Gurinder Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 09.11.2018. First appeal is dated 22.02.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.11.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.02.2020, the respondent PIO was directed to supply the information (whatever information already given) to the appellant, after getting it certified and also directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant or file a point wise reply, in writing, under his signatures, to the query/queries, raised by the appellant through RTI request and send the same to the appellant through registered post.

Sh. Gurinder Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information has already been sent to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Kewal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO as estimates (which were demanded through RTI request) has not been given to him till date.

Sh. Gurinder Singh, Superintendent, intimates that the information sought regarding estimates, is fifteen years old.

The respondent PIO is directed to either supply the information of estimates (as demanded through RTI request) of last ten years or file a proper reply, in writing, to the query/queries, raised by the appellant through her RTI request and send the same to the appellant through registered post in advance, with a copy to the Commission

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R/o Professor Colony,

Lalheri Road, Teh: Khanna,

Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana(Punjab) First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director,

Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4343 of 2019

Present: Sh. Kewal Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Gurinder Singh, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

The RTI request is dated 03.10.2018. First appeal is dated 22.02.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 21.11.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 25.02.2020, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 03.03.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the information. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him.

Sh. Gurinder Singh, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the PIO in today's hearing, states that the inspection of the relevant official record was done but the appellant has refused to take the identified information.

The appellant, Sh. Kewal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date and specify the required information to Sh. Gurinder Singh, Superintendent during the hearing.

The respondent PIO is directed to supply the information (which was specified by the appellant during the hearing) regarding work done (demanded through RTI request) for the last five years.

The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent on 19.11.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the information(which was specified by the appellant during the hearing).

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, by the next date of hearing.

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