



Malkiat Singh Mann, Advocate
S/o Sh. Gurbax Singh Mann,
Preet Vihar,
Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board,
Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab)

Encl : RTI Request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply
And Sewerage Board,
Dhuri, Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3769 of 2020

Present : Dr. (Ms.) Zeby Mann, 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 07.07.2020. First appeal is dated 02.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.12.2020.

Dr. (Ms.) Zeby Mann, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Malkiat Singh Mann, in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO so far.

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, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of five months.

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, Dhuri, 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 alongwith RTI request be sent to him through registered post.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission next 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 15th June, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Date : 22nd March, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : RTI Request

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Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
P.O. Ramgarh,
District – Ludhiana - 141123 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Barnala - 148101(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Barnala - 148101 (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3771 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Reader to Addl. D. C., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 30.07.2020. First appeal is dated 01.09.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.12.2020.

Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Reader to Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Barnala, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 770 dated 11.09.2020 and 'First Appeal' of the appellant was also decided by the First Appellate Authority vide orders dated 19.11.2020 and the order has been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 646-47 dated 29.12.2020. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 130 dated 26.02.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 5387 dated 08.03.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, through a letter dated 15.02.2021, has intimated the Commission that he is willing to with-draw the instant appeal case but he has not clearly intimated about the fact that whether he has received the required information or is satisfied with the information or not.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which was supplied by respondent PIO) or not, in writing, to the Commission by the next date of hearing. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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

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Punjab

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Makhan Singh
S/o Sh. Jagir Singh,
Village – Bikka,
P. O. – Khan Khana,
Distt. – Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sr. Supdt. of Police,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3778 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Amarjit Singh, Sub Inspector, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 17.02.2020. First appeal is dated 04.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.12.2020.

Sh. Amarjit Singh, Sub Inspector who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 1062 dated 09.09.2020 and again vide letter no. 581 dated 04.03.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 619 dated 10.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 5785 dated 15.03.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

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

Nevertheless, an opportunity is given to him 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 well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent PIO concerned or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the same and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 15th June, 2021 (Tuesday) 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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Parveen Kumar Sayal,
Sayal & Co. Octroi Contractor,
Sayal Street, Sirhind - 140406(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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. 3779 of 2020

Present : Sh. Parveen Kumar Sayal, 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 13.01.2020. First appeal is dated 14.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.12.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Parveen Kumar Sayal, 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. 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, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of one year.

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 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 alongwith RTI request be sent to him through registered post.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission next 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 15th June, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Punjab

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Parveen Kumar Sayal,
Sayal & Co. Octroi Contractor,
Sayal Street,
Sirhind - 140406(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

Encl : RTI Request

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3780 of 2020

Present : Sh. Parveen Kumar Sayal, 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 06.09.2020. First appeal is dated 06.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.12.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Parveen Kumar Sayal, 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. 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, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of five months.

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, Local Government, 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.

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 alongwith RTI request be sent to him through registered post.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission next 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 15th June, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : RTI Request

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Rajinder Kumar S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,
Ward No. 02, Supreme Enclave,
Near Vishavkarma Bhawan,
Link Road, Mansa(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Reqd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
(Encl : RTI Request)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3782 of 2020

Present : Sh. Rajinder Kumar, 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 07.09.2020. First appeal is dated 07.10.2020. Second appeal has
been received in the Commission on 02.12.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar, 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. 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, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the
respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of five months.

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, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh , as to why
penalty be not imposed upon him for wilful 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 alongwith RTI request be sent to him through
registered post.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the
required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission next 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 15th June, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing
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Punjab

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Rajinder Kumar
S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,
Ward No. 02, Supreme Enclave,
Near Vishavkarma Bhawan,
Link Road, Mansa(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35 - A, Plot No. 03,
Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3783 of 2020

Present : Sh. Rajinder Kumar, the appellant in person.
Sh. Jang Bahadur, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 03.09.2020. First appeal is dated 05.10.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.12.2020.

Sh. Jang Bahadur, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information (nine pages) has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 39209 dated 30.09.2020. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 6368 dated 19.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 6368 dated 19.03.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rajinder Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no such information as stated above has been received by him till date.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the requisite information alongwith enclosure again to the appellant through registered post and send a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is 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 through registered post 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 June, 2021 (Tuesday) 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 : 22nd March, 2021

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Jang Bahadur S/o Sh. Jai Chand,
Mandi Amin Ganj, Rodha Wali,
Teh. & Distt. – Fazilka (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Fazilka (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division,
Ferozepur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3920 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jang Bahadur, the appellant in person.
Sh. Angrez Singh, Junior Engineer O/o Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Jalalabad, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 11.08.2020. First appeal is dated 21.09.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 08.12.2020.

Sh. Angrez Singh, Junior Engineer of office of Water Supply & Sanitation, Division Jalalabad, who appeared for the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, a point-wise reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 15.03.2021 through registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 188 dated 15.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 6316 dated 18.03.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jang Bahadur, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information given by the respondent PIO at point no. 08 and 09 of the RTI request is not clear.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 09.04.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 09.04.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information and also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified after inspection.

The respondent PIO concerned (who is Sh. Balwinder Singh, S. D. O.) and Sh. Angrez Singh, Junior Engineer, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

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 after inspection, or not He is also advised 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 case is adjourned to 15th June, 2021 (Tuesday) 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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Rajesh Aggarwal
S/o Sh. Ram Roop,
Sunam,
Distt. - Sangrur(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4070 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Kirandeep Sahota, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 23.08.2020. First appeal is dated 29.09.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.12.2020.

Sh. Kirandeep Sahota, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, a reply was given to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal, through a letter dated 13.03.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he has not received the required information as demanded through RTI request. 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 05.04.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 05.04.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information and also directed to supply the required information to the appellant, which would be identified by him 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 after inspection, or not He is also advised 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 case is adjourned to 28th April, 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 : 22nd March, 2021

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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(Primary),
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3681 of 2020

Present : Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, 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 20.08.2020. First appeal is dated 24.09.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.11.2020.

Sh. Major Singh, Legal Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the required information has already been given to the appellant.

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabarwal in today's hearing, orally states that the respondent PIO has given only a reply as Nil status.

As respondent PIO concerned has not sent the above-mentioned information/reply to the Commission, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the reply(which already sent to the appellant) to the Commission by the next date of hearing so that facts of this case could be cleared.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information/reply (which was already given to him) to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

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

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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. 3682 of 2020

Present : Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, 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 25.07.2020. First appeal is dated 03.09.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.11.2020.

Sh. Major Singh, Legal Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, a reply has already been given to the appellant.

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabarwal in today's hearing, orally states that the respondent PIO has given only a reply as Nil status.

As respondent PIO concerned has not sent the above-mentioned reply to the Commission, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the reply (which already sent to the appellant) to the Commission by the next date of hearing so that facts of this case could be cleared.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the reply (which was already given to him) to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

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

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

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) 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. 3683 of 2020

Present : Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Major Singh, Legal Assistant, on behalf of the respondent. I

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 18.07.2020. First appeal is dated 24.08.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 25.11.2020.

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabarwal in today's hearing, orally states that no information has been received in the instant appeal case.

Sh. Major Singh, Legal Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the information sought through RTI request is voluminous in nature, hence could not be supplied.

However an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a point-wise reply to the queries raised by the appellant through RTI request, in writing, with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing so that facts of this case could be cleared.

The respondent PIO concerned is also advised to remain present during the proceedings of the hearing in this case on the next date fixed for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

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

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

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Date : 22nd March, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
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Rohit Sabarwal,
Kundan Bhawan, 126,
Model Gram,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Pb. Mini Sectt., Sector – 9,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Pb. Mini Sectt., Sector – 9,
Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3700 of 2020

Present : Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 17.08.2020. First appeal is dated 11.09.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 24.11.2020.

Sh. Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 3739 dated 15.02.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 3691 dated 16.02.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabarwal in today's hearing, orally states that only forwarding letter of the same has been received but no enclosure was attached with it.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the requisite information alongwith enclosure again to the appellant through registered post and send a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is 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 through registered post 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 June, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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...Appellant V/s

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O/o The Addl. Chief Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Govt.,
Pb. Mini Sectt., Sector – 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Addl. Chief Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Govt.,
Pb. Mini Sectt., Sector – 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3816 of 2020

Present : Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, 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 24.06.2020. First appeal is dated 01.10.2020. Second appeal has
been received in the Commission on 04.12.2020.

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabarwal in today's hearing, orally states that RTI request dated 24.06.2020 of the appellant is addressed to Public Information Officer office of State Information Commission, Chandigarh and was transferred to Public Information Officer office of Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Chandigarh under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act vide letter dated 30.06.2020 with an intimation to the appellant and further it was forwarded to the Public Information Officer office of Addl. Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Chandigarh vide letter dated 06.07.2020. The above-mentioned letters are placed in the case-file.

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, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of seven months.

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 Addl. Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Deptt. of Local Govt., 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.

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 alongwith RTI request be sent to him through registered post.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission next 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 15th June, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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Encl : RTI Request

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