



Jasvir Singh Sidhu/S/o Sh. Balkar Singh,
Village – Jogewala,
P. O. – Malkana,
Tehsil – Talwandi Sabo,
Distt. – Bathinda - 151301(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Govt. Primary School,
Dhobiana Basti,
Bathinda (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3300 of 2021

Present : None on behalf of the appellant in person.
Sh. Munish Bansal, Head Teacher-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 20.04.2021. First appeal is dated 24.05.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.07.2021.

Sh. Munish Bansal, Head Teacher-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the
respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information, after removing the
deficiencies (pointed out by the appellant through letter dated 30.10.2021) except addresses of
Member School Managing Committee, has been supplied to the appellant on 03.12.2021 through
registered post. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the
Commission vide letter dated 04.12.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary
No. 28209 dated 16.12.2021. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jasvir Singh Sidhu through a letter dated 30.10.2021, which has
been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that
incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO. It is taken on record.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be
present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before
the bench of the undersigned so that facts of this case could be cleared.

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

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is
not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 2nd March, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A. M. for hearing
in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya
Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 22nd December, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
Ward No.18, Street No.2,
Kartar Nagar, Amlah Road,
Khanna - 141401,
District Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary
to Government. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Local Government,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
(Establishment Branch),
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- iii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
(L G - III Branch),
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh
- iv) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
(L G – IV Branch),
Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35 - A,
Plot No. 03, Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3319 of 2021

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
Sh. Ashish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO of LG – III Branch, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 26.04.2021. First appeal is dated 13.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.07.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent on 21.10.2021 but no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Ashish Kumar, Superintendent-cum-PIO of LG – III Branch, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the appellant visited in LG IV Branch not LG-III Branch. Moreover, the information demanded through RTI request does not relate with LG – III Branch.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 2657 dated 28.10.2021 signed by Superintendent-cum-PIO of LG-IV Branch, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 25551 dated 12.11.2021, has intimated the Commission that the information demanded through RTI request relates with Establishment Branch of department of Director, Local Government Department and the same was transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI Act to Establishment Branch.

After examining the documents placed in the case-file, it reflects that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, either relates with office of PIO-cum-Superintendent (Establishment Branch), or Superintendents of LG-III and IV Branch, hence, Public Information Officers of above-said office/branch are directed to supply the certified copies of the required information as per queries (whatever query/queries relates to his branch) to the appellant through e-mail with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to them through registered post.

The concerned parties i. e. the appellant and PIOs of office of (i) Superintendent (Establishment Branch ii) Superintendent (LG-III Branch) iii) Superintendent (LG-IV Branch) are directed to remain present during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The case is adjourned to 22nd March, 2022 (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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Surjit Singh
S/o Sh. Gokul Singh,
V.P.o. – Jarg,
Tahsil – Payal,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Public Instructions (Elem.) Pb.,
Vidhya Bhawan, P.S.E.B. Complex,
Sector 62,S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

Encl : RTI request

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Deptt. of Education,
5th Floor, E- Block, Vidhya Bhawan,
P.S.E.B. Complex, Phase – 8, Sector 62,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3332 of 2021

Present : Sh. Surjit 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 23.03.2021. First appeal is dated 12.05.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.07.2021.

The appellant, Sh.Surjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 24.03.2021. 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 Director, Public Instructions (Elem.) Punjab, S. A. S. Nagar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker 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.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 22nd March, 2022 (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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Prem Kumar Rattan,
H. No. 78/8,
Park Road, Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. – Sangrur (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sr. Supdt. of Police,
Barnala (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1401 of 2021

Present : Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, the appellant in person.
Sh. Tarsem Singh Reader to Deputy Superintendent of Police, Tapa .

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.12.2020. First appeal is dated 03.01.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 16.03.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, who appeared in person in today's today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO.

Sh. Tarsem Singh Reader to Deputy Superintendent of Police, Tapa, who appeared in today's hearing, states that Deputy Superintendent of Police(D), Barnala has sent a submission vide letter no. 1478 dated 04.12.2021, intimating that the appellant Sh. Prem Rattan has never visited to him personally to file any document/compliant. He also intimates the Commission that above-mentioned reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 27 dated 10.12.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 28109 dated 15.12.2021. It, along with annexure, is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the above-mentioned reply (given vide letter no. 1478 dated 04.12.2021) to the appellant through registered post or e-mail with a copy to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

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

The case is adjourned to 21st March, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 22nd December, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
H. No. 60-35-P-376-1,
Street – 08, Maha Singh Nagar,
P. O. - Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3328 of 2021

Present : Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia , the appellant in person with Sh. Gurmej Lal.
Sh. Vikas Uppal, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 27.01.2021. First appeal is dated 27.02.2021. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.07.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Amarjit Singh Dhamotia , who appeared in person with Sh. Gurmej Lal, in today's hearing, states that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Vikas Uppal, Executive Officer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that the appellant visited the office on 25.10.2021 to identify the required information and identified information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 2785 dated 21.12.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2801 dated 21.12.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information is taken on record.

An opportunity is 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.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be present with the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

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

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 9th March, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A. M. for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 22nd December, 2021

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Gurmej Lal,
H. No. 6375, Street – 16,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,
P. O. – Daba, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1605 of 2021

Present : Sh. Gurmej Lal, the appellant in person.
Sh. Vikas Uppal, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 12.01.2021. First appeal is dated 12.02.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.03.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states
that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Vikas Uppal, Executive Officer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing,
states that the required information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 2779 dated
20.12.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission
vide letter no. 2803 dated 21.12.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-
mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information is taken on record.

An opportunity is 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.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be
present with the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the
proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the
undersigned so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

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

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is
not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 9th March, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A. M. for hearing
in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya
Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 22nd December, 2021



Gurmej Lal,
H. No. 6375, Street – 16,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,
P. O. – Daba, Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1607 of 2021

Present : Sh. Gurmej Lal, the appellant in person.
Sh. Vikas Uppal, Executive Officer, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.
The RTI request is dated 12.01.2021. First appeal is dated 12.02.2021. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 30.03.2021.

The appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states
that no information has been given to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Vikas Uppal, Executive Officer, who appeared in person, in today's hearing,
states that the required information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 2778 dated
20.12.2021. He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission
vide letter no. 2802 dated 21.12.2021, which has been received in the Commission through an e-
mail. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information is taken on record.

An opportunity is 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.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be
present with the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the
proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the
undersigned so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

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

If the appellant would not attend the hearing fixed, it would be assumed that he is
not willing to pursue the case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 9th March, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:30 A. M. for hearing
in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya
Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 22nd December, 2021

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Jasbir Singh S/o Sh. Harbans Singh,
Village - Jalal Khera, P. O. – Sular,
Distt. - Patiala(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Encl : RTI request Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2106 of 2020

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Gursewak Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 06.02.2020. First appeal is dated 16.06.2020. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 07.08.2020.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he visited the office of the respondent but incomplete information was given to him as information at point no. 01 is still pending.

Sh. Gursewak Singh, Clerk, could not make himself audible to intimate the status of the instant appeal-case during the proceedings of the case.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO has not sent any document showing that the remaining information has been given to the appellant, 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 Deputy Commissioner, Patiala, 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 in the office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh, 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 also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send the remaining information at point no. 01 of the RTI request to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. If information, regarding query no. 01 of the RTI request, is not available or not maintained in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will send/file a reply, in writing, to the particular query, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the remaining information or not.

Both the parties i. e. the appellant and the respondent PIO are directed to be present with the information (already/would be supplied in the instant appeal-case) during the proceedings of the instant appeal-case on the next date of hearing fixed before the bench of the undersigned so that facts of this case could be cleared or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to 9th March, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:30 Noon for hearing in Court Room office of State Information Commission, Punjab, Red Cross Building, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : RTI request

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Parmod Kumar
S/o Sh. Late Sh. Hem Raj,
H. No. 2650, Ward – 12,
Near Dussehrha Ground,
Kharar, Distt. - Mohali(Punjab)

.... Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Labour Commissioner, Punjab,
Labour Bhawan, Model Welfare Centre,
Phase -10, Sector 64,
S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 424 of 2020

Present : Sh. Parmod Kumar, the complainant in person.
i) Sh. Harpreet Singh, Labour Conciliation Officer-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Ms. Kulwant Kaur, Superintendent-cum-APIO, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 24.12.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 07.07.2020.

The complainant, Sh. Parmod Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO as he has received information only at point no. 01 and 2 of the RTI request and information at point no. 03, 04 and 05, is still pending.

Sh. Harpreet Singh, Labour Conciliation Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person with Ms. Kulwant Kaur, Superintendent-cum-APIO, in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the information at point no. 01 and 2 of the RTI request has already been supplied to the complainant. He also intimates the Commission that the related case-file (regarding which the information is demanded at point no. 03, 04 and 05), is not traceable in the official record.

An opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to send a reply in the shape of an affidavit to the appellant through registered post mentioning that information of remaining queries at point no. 03, 04 and 05 of the RTI request is not available in the official record, alongwith reasons whether official record is missing or destroyed or whether any FIR has been lodged regarding missing record or copy of FIR (if the record is missing) or copy of Office-order (if destruction of record has been done) be sent. He is also directed to file the above-mentioned reply in an affidavit and send a copy of affidavit with a copy of postal receipt to the Commission positively by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 21st March, 2022 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

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