

Sarabjeet Singh Gill,
R/o House Number 60-35-P-376-1,
Street Number 08, Maha Singh Nagar,
P.O. Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana -141014(Punjab)
V/s.

...Appellant

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

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

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4613 of 2019

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

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 16.03.2020 and Sh. Satish Kumar, Assistant Town Planner, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submitted a copy of reply vide letter no. 441 dated 04.03.2020, showing that a reply in connection with point no. 04 of the RTI request was given to the appellant through registered post and other information at point no. 01, 02 and 03 of RTI request does not relate with Zone – C. After examining the documents placed on record, it was found that the remaining information relates with office of Tehbazari Branch, accordingly, a copy of the order was sent to the PIO of Tehbazari Branch, M.C., Ludhiana, alongwith RTI request with the directions to provide the required information whichever query/queries relates to his office, to the appellant through registered post.

Sh. Amarjit Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill in today's hearing, states that information as per queries raised through RTI request has not been supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO concerned so far.

The appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill also through a letter dated 23.06.2020, signed by himself, has intimated the Commission that he has received misleading and incorrect information.

The respondent PIO concerned of office of Tehbazari Branch, M.C., Ludhiana is absent without any intimation to the Commission in today's hearing. 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 the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 16.03.2020.

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 Tehbazari Branch, Ludhiana, 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.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on 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, 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 and final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the required information to the appellant through registered post and copy of the postal receipt (through which information would be sent to the Appellant), 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 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 2nd September, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :23rd June, 2020

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



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Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4614 of 2019

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

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 16.03.2020 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post/in person at his residential address. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He was also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Amarjit Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill in today's hearing, states that information as per queries raised through RTI request has not been supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO concerned so far.

The appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill also through a letter dated 23.06.2020, signed by himself, has intimated the Commission that he has received misleading and incorrect information.

The respondent PIO concerned of office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is absent without any intimation to the Commission in today's hearing. 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 the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 16.03.2020.

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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, 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.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on 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, 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 and final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to send a copy of the required information to the appellant through registered post and copy of the postal receipt (through which information would be sent to the Appellant), 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 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 2nd September, 2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Date :23rd June, 2020

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...Appellant

V/s.

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Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4615 of 2019

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

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 16.03.2020 and **a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.** The respondent PIO concerned was also directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He was also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Amarjit Singh, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill in today's hearing, states that no information as per queries raised through RTI request has been supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO concerned so far.

The appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill also through a letter dated 23.06.2020, signed by himself, has intimated the Commission that he has received misleading and incorrect information.

A letter has been received in the Commission through an email dated 23.06.2020 alongwith 07 pages of enclosure, showing that information has been sent to the appellant. It is taken on record.

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 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 2nd September, 2020 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 :23rd June, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Yogesh Bakshi,
R/o House Number 1615,
Street Number 03,
New Chander Nagar,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana-141008(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Zone-D,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4634 of 2019

Present : Sh. Yogesh Bakshi, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 16.03.2020 and **a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone – D, Ludhiana, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.** The respondent PIO concerned was also directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He was also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Sh. Yogesh Bakshi, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information as per queries raised through RTI request has been supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO concerned so far.

The respondent PIO concerned of office of Municipal Corporation, Zone – D, Ludhiana is absent without any intimation to the Commission in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that a show-cause notice was issued vide orders dated 16.03.2020 to the concerned PIO with the directions to the concerned PIO to appear personally during the hearing but he did not attend today's hearing

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through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings', moreover, he has also not sent any document, showing that the requisite information has been supplied 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.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Municipal Corporation, Zone – D, Ludhiana. **A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.**

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services
60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 2nd September, 2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab**



Ms. Sheenu
W/o Sh. Amit Kumar,
Flat No. C – 4, Marvel Homes,
Barewal Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Zone – D, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 597 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Mohan Singh, Asstt. Town Planner, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 04.02.2020 and an opportunity was given to the complainant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to her, 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.

Sh. Mohan Singh, Asstt. Town Planner, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant, Ms. Sheenu through registered post.

The complainant, Ms. Sheenu, was absent on the hearings, held on 11.12.2019 and 04.02.2020. She is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. She has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to her, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the complainant is satisfied with the information supplied to her and does not wish to pursue her case further and hence the case is **disposed of and closed.**

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Date :23rd June, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Harmit Singh Sidhu
S/o Sh. Sher Singh,
C/o Baba Kala Finance Company,
Near Truck Union, Phul Road,
Rampura Phul,
Bathinda(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

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

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4593 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Asstt. Town Planner-cum-APIO, on behalf of the
respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 03.03.2020 and an opportunity was 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.

Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Asstt. Town Planner-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, Sh. Harmit Singh Sidhu through registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Harmit Singh Sidhu, is not present in today's 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 well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing or it would be assumed that he has received the required information and is satisfied with the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is **adjourned to 2nd September, 2020 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 :23rd June, 2020

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



Harmit Singh Sidhu
S/o Sh. Sher Singh,
C/o Baba Kala Finance Company,
Near Truck Union, Phul Road,
Rampura Phul, Bathinda(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

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

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4594 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Asstt. Town Planner-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 03.03.2020 and an opportunity was given to the appellant to inspect the official record on 21.04.2020 to identify the required information.

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

Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Asstt. Town Planner-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that he has brought the requisite information with him.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post/in person at his residential address and send a copy of the postal/acknowledgement receipt in the Commission before 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 well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing or it would be assumed that he has received the required information and is satisfied with the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is **adjourned to 2nd September, 2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Date :23rd June, 2020

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Near Truck Union, Phul Road,
Rampura Phul, Bathinda(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

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

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4595 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Asstt. Town Planner-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 03.03.2020 and an opportunity was given to the appellant to inspect the official record on 21.04.2020 to identify the required information.

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

Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Asstt. Town Planner-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that he has brought the requisite information with him.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post/in person at his residential address and send a copy of the postal/acknowledgement receipt in the Commission before 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 well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing or it would be assumed that he has received the required information and is satisfied with the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is **adjourned to 2nd September, 2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Rampura Phul, Bathinda(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

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

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4596 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Asstt. Town Planner-cum-APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

This case was last heard on 03.03.2020 and an opportunity was given to the appellant to inspect the official record on 21.04.2020 to identify the required information.

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

Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Asstt. Town Planner-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in the instant appeal case, inspection of the official record could not be done, hence, information could not be supplied to the appellant.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 07.07.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the information. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 07.07.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Asstt. Town Planner-cum-APIO, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to send the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him through registered post at his residential address and send a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission before 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 well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing or it would be assumed that he is satisfied with the information supplied to him and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is **adjourned to 2nd September, 2020 at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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