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Sh. Harcharan Singh, 9815353531, A-426, Opposite Park, New Amritsar Colony, Amritsar

..Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer, o/o Deputy Commissioner, Mini Secretariat, Amritsar.

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 222 of 2020 (Video Conference/Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present Sh. Harcharan Singh, the appellant on webex. Ms Neelam (M 7986453314)on behalf of the respondents On V.C.

ORDER

This case may be read with the reference to the order dated 22.6.2020 vide which the respondent PIO was directed to submit his response /supply the information and remain present during the next date of hearing and the case was adjourned to 6.7.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that the record concerning the RTI application has been burnt due to the fire in the office and the fact was brought to the notice of the appellant vide their letter no. R.T.I. /2019/612-R1039 dated 1.1.2020. She further states that the copy of the said letter has been provided to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission on 19.3.2020

3. The appellant denied the fact and states that he has not received the said letter. Whereas, he agrees with the submissions made by the respondents and requested for the copy of the same dated 1.1.2020.

4. After hearing both the parties, it is ascertained that the record has been burnt due to fire in the office of the respondents as per the submissions made during the hearing. This fact has been provided to the complainant vide the letter referred to above. However, as per the request of the complainant to supply the copy of the letter dated 1.1.2020, the same is attached with this order. In the decision given by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court at Chandigarh in CWP 15907 of 2017 dated 3.10.2019 relevant portion of the decision is reproduced below:-

"In the light of the above affidavit, wherein it has been stated there is no other information available pertaining to the request made by the petitioner, the present writ petition has been rendered in fructuous as the information which was available with the respondents has been supplied to the petitioner as per his application."

In light of the above decision of the Hon'ble Court and the submissions made by the respondent, the Commission is satisfied with the reply of the respondent. No further action is required in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 6.7.2020

SD/ (Suresh Arora) Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab

Encl: Copy of letter dated 1.1.2020

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Sh. Jasbir Singh Sekhon, 9914808666

s/o Late ShriKartar Singh VillageTandi, P.O. Laroya, District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer, o/oSarpanch, Gram Panchayat Tandi, Block Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority, o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No. 4005 of 2019 (CiscoWebex Proceeding)

Vs

Present: Sh. Jasbir Singh Sekhon, appellant.

Sh. Paramjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, M 9417246564 on of the respondents.

Order

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.6.2020 vide which respondents were directed to supply the complete information before the next date of hearing failing which punitive action may be initiated against the respondents. The case was adjourned to 6.7.2020.

2. The representative of the respondents states that he has supplied all the information available in the record. Whereas, the appellant states that the information supplied by the respondent is incomplete and uncertified.

3. After hearing both the parties, the respondents are hereby, directed to supply the complete information duly certified within 15 days from the issue of this order failing which penalty provisions will be invoked on the next date of hearing. The representative of the respondents is also directed that in case the partial information is not available in the office record then an undertaking may be filed in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission without fail.

4. The case is adjourned to 24.7.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Cisco Webex. (No. 913122670)

sd/

Dated: 6.7.2020

(Suresh Arora) Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab

Block Development and Panchayats Officer (REGD.) (By Name), Block Bhogpur, Jalandhar To ensure compliance of this order before the next date of hearing.

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Sh. Jasbir Singh Sekhon, 9914808666 s/o Late ShriKartar Singh VillageTandi, P.O. Laroya, District Jalandhar. Public Information Officer, o/oSarpanch, Gram Panchayat Tandi, Block Bhogpur, District Jalandhar. First Appellate Authority, o/o Block Development and Panchayats Officer, Bhogpur, District Jalandhar. **Appeal Case No. 4008 of 2019** (CiscoWebex Proceeding)

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Present: Sh. Jasbir Singh Sekhon, appellant.

Sh. Paramjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, M 9417246564 on of the respondents.

Order

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