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Appellant

Sh. Ashish Khurana

S/o Sh. Vijay Khurana

R/o House No. 10-A, New Prem Nagar

Near Seth Hukum Chand S.D. Public School,

Jalandhar

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post)

O/o Town Planning Department,

Municipal Corporation,

Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Municipal Corporation,

Jalandhar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2707 of 2020

Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Ashish Khurana

Respondent: absent.

ORDER

1. The above mentioned case was earlier heard and disposed of by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Avtar Singh Kaler on 27.07.2021 and the instant appeal case was allocated by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab to the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Anumit Singh Sodhi on 24.05.2022. Accordingly, case is fixed for hearing on 24.11.2022 at 11:00 AM at Punjab State Information Commissioner office, Chandigarh.
2. After examining the case file, it is observed that the above mentioned case was earlier heard and disposed of by the then SIC, Sh. Avtar Singh Kaler on 27.07.2021 with the directions to the respondent SPIO to supply clear cut reply/information that plan of school building was not approved by the office of SPIO within two days to the appellant along with directions to send compliance report to the Commission.
3. Appellant approached the Commission through email dated 18.04.2022 sent to the Registry Branch of the Commission stating therein that he has not received the information as per directions of the Commission vide order dated 27.07.2021 after the ample time has elapsed.
4. Accordingly a time bound letter no. PSIC/Legal/2020/185 dated 28.04.2022 was issued to the Public Information Officer, O/o Town Planner Department, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar through registered post with the directions to supply the information to the appellant within a week from the receipt of that letter under intimation to the Commission, failing which case will be fixed for hearing.
5. On not receiving of the compliance report for the said matter from the respondent, the above mentioned case was allocated to the undersigned Bench and fixed for today 24.11.2022 at 11:00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission.
6. In today's hearing, appellant is present.
7. Respondent PIO is not present but an email dated 23.11.2022 is received requesting therein for the CISCO WEBEX link and nothing is mentioned about the supplied reply/information as per directions to the respondent PIO vide order dated 27.07.2021 passed by the Commission.

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8. It is observed that respondent PIO was called in the Punjab State Information Commission Punjab Office, Chandigarh for today's hearing but he did not bother to comply with notice of the Commission.

One more opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to represent this case on the next date of hearing at Punjab State Information Commission Punjab Office, Chandigarh

positively. A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.

9. Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing at PSIC office, Chandigarh or through CISCO WEBEX application.
10. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **22.12.2022 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission Office, Chandigarh**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 24.11.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab