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Shri Gurmej Lal,
H. No. 6375, Street Number 16,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,
Near Mair Di Chakki,
PO Daba, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No. 3300 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, Appellant: cisco webex.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the order dated 10.11.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that in spite of inspection of records, the requisite information has not been supplied to him.

3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. The PIO has, however, sent letter dated 06.12.2022 stating that information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 08.09.2022 and 22.11.2022. The PIO has further requested for informing the Head of Account for deposition of penalty amount of Rs.5000/-.

4. After going through the case file, the Bench observes that information comprising 208 pages has been supplied and apprises the appellant accordingly. The Bench also observes that the PIO has not complied with the directions of the Bench in its entirety and directs the PIO to file reply to the show cause notice as also to deposit the amount of penalty and produce evidence for having deposited the penalty before the Bench. The Bench takes serious note of the PIO asking for the Head of Account at this stage which reveals that the PIO adopts casual approach towards the directions of the Bench. However, the Head of Account and other details are given as under:-

**- 0070-Other Administrative Services – 60-Other Services-
-0800-Other Receipts- 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005.**

5. The Bench takes the absence of the PIO O/o Medical Officer of Health, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana for the second consecutive hearing adversely and **is constrained to issue BAILABLE WARRANT to the PIO to ensure his presence before the Bench on the next hearing.**

6. The Bench again directs the PIO to comply with the directions given by the Bench vide order dated 08.09.2022, 11.10.2022 & 10.11.2022 in its entirety as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing, failing which strict action be taken against the PIO.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.01.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
07.12.2022

Sd/-
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab