



Shri Vinod Kumar,
House number 3-A, Krishna Square -2,
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar.

Public Information Officer
O/o Amritsar Development Authority,
Amritsar.

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation, (Civil)
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 3390 of 2022

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Simarpreet Singh, Junior Engineer O/o Amritsar Development Authority, Amritsar on behalf of PIO/Respondent - in person.
- (iii) Shri Kuljinder Singh, XEN (Civil), Municipal Corporation, Amritsar on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the order dated 05.12.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Vinod Kumar, appellant has not come present in person or through cisco webex. However, an e.mail dated 29.01.2023 has been received from him stating that no information has been supplied to him. However, it does not show as to whether he will attend the hearing or not. Today was the fifth hearing of the second appeal and the appellant was absent without any intimation.
3. Shri Simarpreet Singh, Junior Engineer O/o Amritsar Development Authority(ADA), Amritsar comes present in person before the Bench and states that Galiara project was entrusted to A.D.A. in the year 2012 and ADA has no information regarding acquisition of surrounding properties for the Galiara Project as sought by the appellant. He further states that an original affidavit dated 02.12.2022 was also produced before the Bench during the previous hearing clarifying the issue.
4. Shri Kuljinder Singh, Executive Engineer (Civil), Municipal Corporation, Amritsar comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO and produces before the Bench authority letter dated 25.01.2023 and states that the record of property relating to Galiara Project is not

available in the official records of Superintending Engineer, Civil, M.C. Amritsar as the subject is dealt by A.D.A. since 2012.

5. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on his mobile phone. He is made to talk to the respondent present on behalf of A.D.A. Amritsar and Municipal Corporation, Amritsar who apprise him of the non-availability of information relating Galiara Project in their official records. However, the appellant is not ready to hear their version. Then the Bench talks to the appellant. He does not pay attention when he is apprised of the version of the respondents present. He only emphasises that he had sought information from the office of C.M. Punjab and he is not a appellant before A.D.A. Amritsar and M.C. Amritsar. The Bench explains to the appellant that his application though addressed to C.M. Punjab has been transferred to the dealing public authority. A.D.A. is, in fact, representing and responding on the issues raised by the appellant on behalf of C.M. Punjab. The appellant, however, refuses to listen and understand.

6. The Bench is astonished on such type of conduct on the part of the appellant as he forgets during conversation with him to take care of the dignity of the Commission. In such circumstances, the Bench being fully assured of the fact that the information sought by the appellant is not available with the A.D.A. Amritsar, or Municipal Corporation, Amritsar or the Improvement Trust, Amritsar as have been brought out by them before the Commission during interaction with them, is not left with no option but to decide not to proceed further in the matter. Affidavit in original given by the PIO O/o A.D.A. Amritsar clarifying the position regarding non-availability of information is enclosed.

7. In view of the position as emerges above, the Bench does not feel need for further intervention in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties through registered post.

**Chandigarh
31.01.2023**

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