



Shri Gagandeep Singh Threeke,
H. No. 208, Aryan Enclave,
Main Sua Road, Near Geeta Mandir Chowk,
VPO Threeke, Ludhiana (142028)

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No. 3421 of 2022

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the order dated 06.12.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gagandeep Singh, appellant has not come present in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
4. The appellant is contacted on his mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he states that as advised by the Hon'ble Bench, he had visited the office of PIO GLADA for inspection of records but no additional information has not been provided to him thereafter.
5. The Bench observes that in spite of clear directions of the Bench, the PIO has not complied with the directions of the Bench. As such, the PIO is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to appear for the hearing and not supplying information to the appellant. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

5. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply 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.

6. The PIO is, however, directed to comply with the directions of the Bench given during the previous hearing and ensure to provide the information to the appellant before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.03.2023 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
24.01.2023

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

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PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana.