



Shri Vishneet Singh Advocate,
S/o Shri Dalip Singh, R/o H.No.1423,
Krishna Gali, Gaushala Road,
Opp: E.G.Day, Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Addl. Dy. Commissioner (Urban Development),
Now Addl.Dy. Commissioner (General),
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Fazilka.

....Respondents

AC No. 3956 of 2022

Present: (i) Shri Vishneet Singh, Appellant- cisco webex.
(ii) None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 20.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Vishneet Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has not received any information yet.
3. Neither the PIO O/o ADC (Urban Development), Fazilka has come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench observes that PIO was directed to supply point wise information to Shri Vishneet Singh, appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission. He has, however, not complied with the directions of the Bench. The PIO has also absented himself for the second consecutive hearing. The Bench views it adversely.
5. The PIO O/o ADC (Urban Development), now ADC (General), Fazilka 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 for 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.

6. 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.

7. The Bench observes that the PIO has not supplied information to the appellant and has also absented himself for the second consecutive hearing. As such, the Bench is constrained to issue BAILABLE WARRANT to the PIO to ensure his presence before the Bench on the next hearing. He is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next hearing as also to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 14.12.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
23.11.2022**

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

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**Public Information Officer, O/o Addl. Dy. Commissioner (Urban Development),
Now Addl.Dy. Commissioner (General),Fazilka.**