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Shri Ravinder Kumar,  
S/o Late Shri Mohan Lal,  
R/o 4882, Sunny Enclave,  
Sector-125, Kharar-140301.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Chief Engineer, CI (PR-7 Road)  
GMADA, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o GMADA, Mohali.

....Respondents

**AC No. 4755 of 2022**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Ravinder Kumar, Appellant, in person.**  
(ii) **Shri Chandan, Senior Assistant O/o GMADA, Mohali- in person.**

**ORDER**

1. This is with reference to the order dated 13.12.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that no information has been received by him yet.
3. Shri Gurwinder Singh, AEO/PIO O/o GMADA, Mohali has not come present in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. However, a letter dated 24.11.2022 received by post in the Commission on 19.12.2022 is available in the case file, vide which he has asked the Naib Tehsildar-cum-APIO O/o Land Acquisition Collector and Superintendent-cum-APIO O/o Divisional Engineer, C-1, GMADA, Mohali to call the appellant to office and provide him the information sought by him.
4. Shri Chandan, Senior Assistant O/o L.A.C., GMADA, Mohali comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that the Naib Tehsildar-cum-APIO on his promotion has been transferred and no officer has been posted in his place and requests for adjournment to enable them to provide information in relation to L.A.C. GMADA. He also produces a copy of letter dated 23.01.2023 written to AEO/PIO GMADA, Mohali.
5. As directed by the PIO, GMADA, the Superintendent-cum-APIO O/o Chief Engineer, GMADA, Mohali has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through cisco webex nor he has supplied any information to the appellant. This attitude of the APIO O/o Chief Engineer, GMADA, Mohali is viewed adversely. He 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.

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. Acceding to the request of representative of Naib Tehsildar-cum-LAC, the matter is adjourned. The PIO GMADA, Mohali is directed to ensure that information is provided to the appellant by the Naib Tehsildar-cum-LAC and Superintendent-cum-APIO O/o Chief Engineer, GMADA, Mohali before the next hearing. The PIO and both the APIO of GMADA are directed 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 07.03.2023 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh  
30.01.2023

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

**Copy to (By Regd.Post):**

**Superintendent-cum-APIO O/o Chief Engineer, GMADA, Mohali.**