



Shri Raminderpal Singh,
S/o Shri Teja Singh,
R/o MIG-1406, Housing Board Colony
C-Block, Ranjit Avenue,
Amritsar-143001.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 5139 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Bawa Bhulinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant- cisco webex.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.01.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Bawa Bhulinder Singh comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of Shri Raminderpal Singh, and states that no information has been supplied to the appellant yet.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar has come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor the PIO has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He has also not sent any intimation in this regard. The PIO was also absent during the previous hearing. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar 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 non-supply of 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, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note

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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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

6. **Since the PIO has absented himself for the second consecutive hearing, the Bench is constrained to issued BAILABLE WARRANT to the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to ensure his presence before the Bench on the next hearing.** He is also directed to ensure to send requisite information to the appellant before the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
15.02.2023**

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

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O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.**