



Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
Whistle Blower, President, NCAG Office,
Street Number 05, # 1331-5,
Vishawkarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road,
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana (141003),
M: 988871031

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Director, Local Bodies, Punjab
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Local Bodies, Punjab
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.5772/2022

Present: (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, on behalf of the Appellant- cisco webex.**
(ii) **None for the Respondent**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.02.2023 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. As per representative of the appellant, the appellant has not been supplied any information.
3. During last hearing, Shri Rajiv Kumar, Senior Assistant, Town Planning Wing, Local Govt. Punjab appeared in person and stated that the copy of complaint of the appellant dated 26.10.2016 was not available with the PIO, Town Planning Wing of Director, Local Govt. Punjab. The appellant was advised to supply a copy of complaint dated 26.10.2016 to the PIO and the PIO, Town Planning Wing was directed to take necessary action on the complaint after receiving the same and provide action taken report to the appellant.
4. The PIO- Town Planning Wing O/o Director Local Govt. Pb is neither present in person nor through cisco-webex and has also not complied with the order of the Bench. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the Town Planning Wing O/o Director Local Govt. Pb to **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard.** If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such person(s) of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Bench along with the written replies.

5. The PIO- Town Planning Wing O/o Director Local Govt. Pb is now directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. After inspection of records by the appellant, the information as is identified by the appellant be provided to him duly attested by the PIO before the next hearing. The PIO is directed to ensure that official records related to RTI application of the appellant are presented for examination and documents as identified are given duly attested by the PIO. The PIOs concerned are directed to come present before the Bench in person on the next hearing.

6 With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.07.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
30.05.2023

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

CC to PIO-Town Planning Wing,
O/o Director, Local Govt. Pb
Sector 35, Chandigarh.