



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

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Power,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Power,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.6167/2022

Present:

- (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, on behalf of the Appellant- cisco webex.**
- (ii) **Shri Harjit Singh, Superintendent/PIO, O/o Principal Secretary, Power, Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.**
- (iii) **Shri Ashok Kumar, AEE and Shri Nazam Singh, Steno, Janta Nagar Division, Special, PSPCL, Ludhiana- in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 20.08.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 20.09.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.12.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.02.2023. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Gurmej Lal, comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant through cisco webex. He states that appellant has sought information on a complaint made by him regarding electricity connections released by PSPCL without getting the NOC from GLADA, however, partial information has been provided to the appellant.

3. Shri Harjit Singh, Superintendent, O/o Principal Secretary, Power comes present in person before the Bench and states that the RTI application has been transferred to Chairman-cum-Managing Director, PSPCL, Patiala vide letter dated 06.10.2022 and produces a copy of letter to this effect.

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4. Shri Ashok Kumar, AEE and Shri Nazam Singh, Steno, Janta Nagar Division Special, PSPCL, Ludhiana come present in person before the Bench. Shri Nazam Singh states that RTI application has been sent to them by the Nodal Officer, RTI Cell, PSPCL, Patiala. He further states that after collecting information from the Divisional Offices under Central Zone of PSPCL, Ludhiana, comprising 31 pages, has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 17.02.2023. Shri Ashok Kumar, AEE states that electricity connection is never released unless NOC from GLADA is produced by the consumer concerned.

5. The representative of the appellant is apprised of the submissions made by the respondents. He, however, does not agree with the version of respondents and states that there are still certain consumers to who electricity connections have been released without the NOC.

6. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO, Janta Nagar Division Special, PSPCL, Ludhiana to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, within 21 (Twenty one) days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.6167 has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 17.02.2023. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the information supplied is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7 With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
20.02.2023

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