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Shri Gurmej Lal,  
VP, NCAG, Street No. 05, 1331- 5,  
Vishwkarma Bhawan,  
Down Canal Road, Simlapuri, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No. 3338 of 2022**

**Present:** (i) Shri Gurmej Lal, Appellant- through Webex.  
(ii) Shri Vijay Kumar, ATP, and Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector, Town Planning Wing, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, on behalf of the Respondent/PIO-in person.

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He denies receipt of information.
3. Shri Vijay Kumar, ATP, and Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector, Town Planning Wing, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the Respondent/PIO. The representative of PIO O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. states that in this case the Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Punjab was made party due to a clerical mistake as observed during the previous hearing and vide order dated 01.09.2022, the PIO O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt. Punjab, was exempted. In pursuance of the order of Hon'ble Commissioner, the PIO, Town Planning Wing, O/o Local Govt. Punjab has directed the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana to appear for the hearing vide letter dated 29.09.2022.
4. The Bench observes that during the previous hearing, the RTI application of appellant was sent to the PIO & FAA O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and they were directed to supply the information to the Appellant. However, the PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana has failed to attend the hearing today in spite of directions of the Bench as well as directions from the office of Director, Local Government, Punjab.

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5. The PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is directed to ensure to supply requisite information to the appellant under intimation to the Commission before the next hearing as also to come present in person before the Bench, failing which the Bench will be constrained to issue bailable warrant to the PIO to ensure his presence before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 10.11.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
11.10.2022**

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

CC: Public Information Officer,  
O/o The Principal Secretary, Local Bodies Department, Punjab, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Principal Secretary, Local Bodies Department, Punjab, Chandigarh.