



Sh Ashok Kumar,
#214, Pine Homes, Dhakoli, Zirakpur
M-8837787496

.....Appellant

..Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o ADC (Urban Development)
Sector-76, Mohali

First Appellate Authority ,
O/o ADC (Urban Development)
Sector-76, Mohali

Public Information Officer,
O/o EO, Nagar Council, Lalru

.....Respondent

AC No. 2960 of 2022

Present: (i) None for the the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Harbhajan Singh, JE (7837110709)

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.09.2022.

2. The Appellant is not present today. However, he has sent an e-mail stating that he shall not be able to attend the hearing today. Further, he has also filed his submissions vide Commission diary no.23956 dated 19.10.2022 Copy of the same is taken on record.

3. The Respondent has filed their reply through e-mail stating that the information has been provided to the Appellant.

4. The perusal of the file shows that Sh Harbhajan Singh, JE is appearing on behalf of the Respondent today. He is not aware of the facts of the case. It is observed that the respondents are being represented by very low level officials who are not in a position to satisfy the commission and the appellant. From the next date of hearing, no person below the PIO or APIO will be allowed to appear in the Commission.

Appearance of low level officials will amount to disrespect to the RTI Act besides invoking the provisions of imposition of penalty and also recommendation of disciplinary action against the PIO under Section 20 of RTI Act, 2005.



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4. Further, it is also ascertained that on the previous date of hearing, the Respondent-PIO was directed to file their point-wise specific reply. They have failed to file the same today. Hence, PIO O/o MC, Lalru is directed to present personally on the next date of hearing along with their point-wise specific reply and copy of information, as provided to the Appellant.

5. To come up on **23.11.2022 at 12:00PM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Dated :21.10.2022

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab