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Shri Prem Kumar Rattan,
H.No.78/8, Park Road,
Navi Mandi, Dhuri,
District Sangrur

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Principal Secretary,
Technical Education and
Industrial Training, Punjab,
Sector-36, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Principal Secretary,
Technical Education and
Industrial Training, Punjab,
Sector-36, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

AC No.1636/2020

Present: (i) Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan, the appellant.
(ii) Shri Rajinder Singh, Senior Assistant/APIO, O/o Principal Secretary,
Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab, Chandigarh,
in person before the Bench.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 17.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Sangrur. Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he has received information vide letter 15.12.2020 and again vide letter dated 22.01.2021. He further states that he has sent clarification regarding Appeal Case No.1492 of 2019 mention of which has been made in previous order that the information in both the RTI applications asked for is different and expresses his dissatisfaction regarding the reply received by him in the instant appeal case.
3. Shri Rajinder Singh, Senior Assistant/APIO O/o Principal Secretary, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present to attend the hearing in person before the

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Bench. He states that the appellant has been sent reply that the information asked for relates to the recruitment of Craft Instructors made in the year 2013 and in this case, an enquiry is being conducted by the Vigilance Department which is still pending finalization and as such, the information cannot be supplied.

4. Shri Rajinder Singh is made to talk to Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant and he apprises him of the enquiry pending with the Vigilance Department in connection with the recruitment of Craft Instructors made in 2013. However, the appellant asks him to supply copy of enquiry report which was conducted by Shri Varinder Kumar Bansal, Principal, Junior Scale, ITI Patiala and copy of report in another enquiry conducted by Shri Mohanbir Singh Sidhu, Additional Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training.

5. Post deliberations with the appellant and the APIO, the Bench directs the PIO that regarding Point No.1, copy of letter of the Principal Shri Bansal be provided whereby he had refused to conduct enquiry and as regards Point No.3, copy of the report submitted by Shri Mohanbir Singh Sidhu, Additional Director be provided to the appellant. So far as information on point no.2 is concerned. PIO is directed to file an affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information sought by the appellant relates to the recruitment of Craft Instructors made in the year 2013 and after registration of an FIR in this regard, the enquiry was entrusted to Vigilance Department which is still pending finalization. It is be stated that unless, it is finalized, no information can be provided to the appellant. It be further stated that the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the above directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties concerned.

**Chandigarh
01.02.2021**

**Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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.....Appellant

Versus

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O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Govt., Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.1592/2020

Present: (i) **Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, Appellant**
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 17.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Sangrur. Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that has not been supplied any information.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench observes that this is the fourth hearing of this appeal case in the Commission. The PIO has not come present today and was absent on the previous three consecutive hearings also.
5. The Bench observes that the directions of the Commission given on the previous date of hearing have not been complied with. The Bench also observes that the PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous hearing to which no reply has been filed by him. This indifferent and lackadaisical

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attitude of the PIO towards the directions of the Commission is viewed adversely. In addition, PIO/his representative have also failed to attend today's hearing as well as the previous three hearings.

6. The facts of the case prove beyond any doubt that the PIO/Respondent does not deserve any leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, a penalty to the tune of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna, District Ludhiana, to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head. The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.10,000/- from the salary of the PIO and deposit the same in State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

- 0070-Other Administrative Services – 60-Other Services-

-0800-Other Receipts- 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005.

7. The PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing as also to come in person to attend the hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice as also to produce the evidence on account of deposit of the amount of penalty imposed.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.02.2021**

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Shri Baldev Singh
S/o Shri Swaran Singh
R/o B-1-933/7-A,
New Deep Nagar Street No.5,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
H.R.C. Branch
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

AC No.3085 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Baldev Singh, Appellant
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 03.02.2020 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 30.05.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing has been issued to the parties by the Commission for 01.02.2021 through Cisco Webex. Shri Baldev Singh, appellant attends the hearing through V.C. He states that he has sought information from HRC Branch, D.C. Office, Gurdaspur as to whether the General Power of Attorney given by his father in favour of his brother has been cancelled or not, but he has not received any information relating to the issue.
3. Neither the PIO has come to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor any representative has been deputed to attend the hearing. As such, the PIO Ms. Amandeep Kaur Ghumman, Assistant Commissioner (General) is contacted on mobile phone. She is apprised of the appeal case

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AC No.3085/2020

No.3085/2020. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to her office on any working day and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will be permitted to peruse the relevant official records and identify the information as required by him. The information so identified will be supplied by the PIO to the appellant before the next hearing.

4. The PIO is also directed to come present for the next hearing in person before the Bench at Chandigarh.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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New Deep Nagar Street No.5,
Civil Lines, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

AC No.3080 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Baldev Singh, Appellant
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 01.06.2020 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 03.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing has been issued to the parties by the Commission for 01.02.2021 through Cisco Webex. Shri Baldev Singh, appellant attends the hearing through V.C. He states that he has sought information from HRC Branch, D.C. Office, Gurdaspur with regard to the action take on his application dated 29.02.2020 in connection with a General Power of Attorney given by Swaran Singh S/o Wadhawa Singh in favour of Shri Harnek Singh S/o Shri Swaran Singh, but he has not received any information on the issue.
3. Neither the PIO has come to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor any representative has been deputed to attend the hearing. As such, the PIO Ms. Amandeep Kaur Ghumman, Assistant Commissioner, General is contacted on mobile phone. She is apprised of the appeal case

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AC No.3080/2020

No.3080/2020. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to her office on any working day and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will peruse the relevant official records and identify the information as required by him. The information so identified will be supplied by the PIO to the appellant before the next hearing.

4. The PIO is also directed to come present for the next hearing in person before the Bench at Chandigarh.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Davinder Pal Singh
S/o Shri Gurdip Singh
H.No.94, Hargur Niwas,
New Officers Colony,
Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3190 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant - absent
(ii) Shri Satish Kumar, Superintendent/PIO, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 13.07.2020 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 01.09.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing has been issued to the parties by the Commission for 01.02.2021 through Cisco Webex. The appellant has not come to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Satish Kumar, Superintendent/PIO, Property Tax, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 28.10.2020 and again vide letter dated 09.01.2021.
4. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has received the information, but he is not satisfied with the information supplied.

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AC No.3190/2020

5. Post deliberations with the appellant and the PIO, the Bench direct the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will peruse the relevant official records and identify the information as required by him. The information so identified will be supplied by the PIO to the appellant before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.02.2021**

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H.No.94, Hargur Niwas,
New Officers Colony,
Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3182 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant - absent
(ii) Shri Satish Kumar, Superintendent/PIO, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 13.07.2020 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 01.09.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing has been issued to the parties by the Commission for 01.02.2021 through Cisco Webex. The appellant has not come to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Satish Kumar, Superintendent/PIO, Property Tax, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 28.10.2020 and again vide letter dated 09.01.2021.
4. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has received the information, but he is not satisfied with the information supplied.

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AC No.3182/2020

5. Post deliberations with the appellant and the PIO, the Bench direct the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will peruse the relevant official records and identify the information as required by him. The information so identified will be supplied by the PIO to the appellant before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.02.2021**

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Shri Jagjit Singh
R/o Aman Nagar, Street No.3
Backside Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar By-pass,
Ludhiana

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2520 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant
(ii) Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector/APIO, O/o Municipal Corporation.
Zone-A, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.12.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant Shri Jagjit Singh attends the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, O/o Municipal Corporation Zone-A, Ludhiana attends the hearing through Cisco Webex and states that the information has been provided vide letter dated 18.03.2020. He further states that the appellant was called to the office to provide him the information, but he did not come to collect the information. Accordingly, the information has again been sent by speed post to the appellant on 01.12.2020.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has not received the affidavit duly attested by the Notary Public, as per directions given by the Bench on the previous hearing.

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AC No.2520/2020

5. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that on the previous hearing, the PIO was directed to send information to the appellant by registered post as also by e.mail, with a further direction to file an affidavit to this effect, but the directions of the Bench still remain to be complied with. Accordingly, the PIO is directed to fully comply with the directions as given in the order dated 02.12.2020 before the next hearing.

6. With the afore said directions, **the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 07.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.02.2021**

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