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Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate,
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Additional Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1108 of 2021

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

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant, Shri Tejinder Singh comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has been sent letter dated 07.03.2022 whereby a notice has been issued to the owner of SCF No.143, Dhandari Kalan, Phase-1 & 2, Ludhiana whereas he has been not supplied copies of the plans asked for and as such, the order of the Hon'ble Commission still remains to be complied with..
3. Neither the PIO has come present nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
4. The Bench observes that an e.mail dated 07.03.2022 has been received from the APIO-cum-Assistant Estate Officer, GLADA addressed to the appellant stating that with regard to RTI application of appellant, notices for demolition of unauthorized construction have been issued to the concerned allottee, calling them to appear on 15.03.2022. The perusal of the said letter shows that only partial information has been supplied and the orders of Commission have not been complied with in totality.

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AC No.1108/2021

5. The PIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to comply with the directions of the Bench. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

6. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

7. The PIO is directed to supply point-wise information to the appellant and bring along the copy of information supplied as also the relevant record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 14.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
01.06.2022

Sd/-
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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Whistle Blower,
Social Worker, Distt:President, Ludhiana,
NCAG, H.No.60-35-P-376-1, Street No.8,
Maha Singh Nagar, P.O:Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No. 721 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Tarun Kumar, Clerk, Shri Jatinder Kumar, Clerk & Shri Narinder Singh, Clerk, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant, Shri Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that though he has carried out inspection of records but no information has been provided to him yet.
3. Shri Tarun Kumar, Clerk, Shri Jatinder Kumar, Clerk & Shri Narinder Singh, Clerk, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, come present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/respondent, through cisco webex. Shri Tarun Kumar, representative of the PIO states that the appellant had visited on 13.05.2021 for inspection of records and he was provided certain information as identified by him.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that even in spite of inspection of records by him, complete information has not been supplied to him.

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AC No.721/2021

5. The Bench observes that during previous hearing, the PIO was directed to supply information to the appellant and then to file an affidavit. But the PIO has not complied with the directions of Bench in its entirety and he has deputed lower level officials to attend the hearing who are not fully aware of the current status of the appeal case. The Bench observes that the orders of the Bench are being taken lightly by the PIO. This type of attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

6. The PIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to comply with the directions of the Bench in its entirety. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

7. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

8. The PIO is directed to supply information to the appellant as identified by him and bring along the copy of information supplied as also the relevant record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 14.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No. 881 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Tarun Kumar, Clerk, Shri Jatinder Kumar, Clerk & Shri Narinder Singh, Clerk, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.03..2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The appellant, Shri Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that though he has carried out inspection of records and no additional information has been provided to him.
3. Shri Tarun Kumar, Clerk, Shri Jatinder Kumar, Clerk & Shri Narinder Singh, Clerk, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, come present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/respondent, through cisco webex. Shri Tarun Kumar, representative of the PIO states that the appellant was provided information vide letter dated 13.08.2021 and the appellant was allowed inspection of records also.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that even in spite of inspection of records by him, complete information has not been supplied to him and he is not satisfied with the information provided to him.

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AC No.881/2021

5. The Bench observes that during previous hearing, the PIO was directed to supply complete information to the appellant and then to file an affidavit. But the PIO has not complied with the directions of Bench in its entirety and he has deputed lower level officials to attend the hearing who are not fully aware of the current status of the appeal case. The Bench observes that the orders of the Bench are being taken lightly by the PIO. This type of attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

6. The PIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to comply with the directions of the Bench in its entirety. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

7. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

8. The PIO is directed to supply information to the appellant as identified by him and bring along the copy of information supplied as also the relevant record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 14.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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01.06.2022

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Shri Sukhwinder Singh
S/o Shri Rattan Singh
Village Khwaja Wardag,
Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak,
District Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. Gurdaspur

...Respondents

AC No.4077/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Sukhwinder Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has not been provided any information so far.
3. The PIO has neither come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that the PIO is absent for the third consecutive hearing and no information has been supplied to the appellant nor any response has been received from the PIO by the Commission. This Bench is also apprised by the staff of Bench that the BDPO was apprised of today's hearing as also of the absence of PIO or any of his representatives on the previous hearings. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

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AC No.4077/2021

5. The PIO O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO), Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. Gurdaspur is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to comply with the directions of the Bench in it entirety. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

6. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

7. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the official records and supply information to the appellant as identified by him and bring along the copy of information supplied as also the relevant record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 14.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
01.06.2022

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

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Shri Pardeep Chopra,
12A, New Shankar Garden,
Gujja Peer Road,
Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner of Police,
Jalandhar.

...Respondents

AC No.5192 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) ASI Balwinder Singh O/o Commissioner of Police,
Jalandhar, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent, in person.

ORDER

(Heard in person/ on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Pardeep Chopra, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. ASI Balwinder Singh O/o Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar comes present in person to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 05.04.2022.
4. Shri Pardeep Chopra, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He is made to talk to the representative of PIO who explains to him the details of information supplied. The appellant states that the information is irrelevant and is not satisfactory and that he has also pointed out deficiencies to the PIO. Upon this, the representative of PIO requests him to visit the office and he will ensure that deficiencies are got removed and rectified information is supplied. But the appellant is reluctant to visit the office of PIO and alleges harassment. Then the Bench talks to the appellant and advises him to visit the office of PIO for inspection of records as it will be in his interest to examine the related records and clarify his mind.

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AC No.5192/2021

5. The PIO is now directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the official records for inspection of records and the complete legible information, duly attested by the PIO, as may be identified by the appellant be supplied to the appellant before the next hearing.

6. After supplying information, the PIO is directed to file an affidavit on non judicial stamp paper 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.5192/2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. He is also directed to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing bringing along the original affidavit, copy of information supplied as also the relevant office record and produce the same before the Bench, on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 14.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.06.2022**

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Ms. Kadambini, Advocate
R/o #4125, Abohar Road,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Council,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary, Local Government, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9,
Chandigarh

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

...Respondents

CC No.982/2021

Present: (i) **Ms. Kadambini, Complainant (cisco webex).**
(ii) **Shri Vipin Kumar, Executive Officer, Shri Vikram Dhuria, Superintendent, M.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib, in person.**
(iii) **Shri Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant O/o Director, Local Govt. Pb., in person.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 26.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office. The Complainant Ms. Kadambini comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. She states that a tender was floated by Municipal Council, Sri Muktsar Sahib for sterilisation of A.B.C. category dog and the same was allotted at very high rate. She had made a complaint in this regard, enquiry into which was got conducted by the Local Government Department, Punjab and she has sought copies of documents relating to this complaint/enquiry and she has received only a letter stating it to be tender cancellation letter, which is actually not so. She still reiterates her statement made previously that she smacks of a big financial scam in this tender as the tender has again been allotted to an incapable and incompetent company.

3. Shri Vipin Kumar, Executive Officer and Shri Vikram Dhuria, Superintendent, M.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib, come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing. The Executive Officer Shri Vipin Kumar states that neither the copy of complaint made by the complainant has been received nor any enquiry was conducted into this regard. So far as the version of complainant that enquiry was conducted by Mr. Shergill, he had only visited the Municipal Council and no enquiry was conducted nor his statement was recorded. He further stated that the letter sent to the complainant is the cancellation of tender allotted by the Municipal Council.

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4. Shri Amit Kumar, Senior Assistant O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, impleaded as respondent, comes present in person before the Bench. He states that no such documents are available in their office.

5. The Bench observes that dissemination of information is being avoided on flimsy grounds and material facts are being concealed. The PIO/Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sri Muktsar Sahib, the PIO O/o Secretary, Local Government, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh and the PIO O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh, are issued show cause notice to explain as to why action should not be taken against them and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to comply with the directions of the Bench. They are also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by the complainant in getting the information.

6. In addition to the written reply, the PIO's concerned are hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. They may take note that in case they do not file the written reply and do not avail of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that they have nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against them ex-parte.

7. The PIOs concerned are directed to supply point wise information to the complainant and also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
01.06.2022

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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- 2) PIO O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.
- 3) The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

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Shri Rabinder Singh
Flat No.212, Palm Heights,
Haibatpur Raod,
Industrial Land Zone, Dera Bassi,
District Mohali-140507.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Asstt. Executive Engineer(Operations),
Sub Division, Punjab State Power
Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL),Dera Bassi,
District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer, DS (South)
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
(PSPCL), Patiala.

... Respondents

AC No.658/2022

Present: (i) **Shri Rabinder Singh, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 26.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Rabinder Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has not received any information. He, however, states that as assured by him during last hearing, he has delivered copy of the notice to the office of PIO by hand on 04.05.2022.
3. Neither the PIO has come present in person or through cisco nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.
4. On perusal of the case file, the Bench finds that previous order of the Bench has been received undelivered owing to the mentioning of some wrong address at the level of Bench. In view of fact that the copy of notice has been delivered by hand by the appellant to the PIO, the Bench, observes that notwithstanding the non-delivery of order of the Bench, the PIO was expected to respond back to the Bench to ascertain the status of the appeal case, but the PIO has failed to do so.

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AC No.658/2022

5. The Bench now directs the PIO O/o Assistant Executive Engineer, Operations, Sub Division PSPCL, Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar (Mohali) to ensure to supply requisite information to the appellant and also to come present before the Bench in person on the next date of hearing, along with all the relevant official records.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 29.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.06.2022**

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**