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Shri Harjit Singh, R/o # 10-B, Medical Enclave, Circular Road, Amritsar-143001

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Transport, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1416 of 2020

Versus

Present: Shri Harjit Singh, appellant in person before the Bench.

> (ii) None on behalf of PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Amritsar.

ORDER:

(Heard in Person)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.06.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The appellant Shri 2. Harjit Singh comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing. He states that he has sought status of the action taken on his complaint made and that he has been provided information which is not as per his RTI application.
- 3. Neither the PIO O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar comes present nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing before the Bench.
- 4. Shri Gurpreet Singh, Section Officer/PIO O/o R.T.A. Amritsar is contacted on mobile phone. In spite of repeated attempts made to contact him on mobile phone, he does not respond.
- 5. The Bench observes that the PIO had last come present to attend the hearing on 16.11.2020 and thereafter, he has failed to attend the hearings consecutively for the third time. The Bench further observes that neither the PIO has supplied the requisite information to the appellant nor has filed reply to the show cause notice. This shows the kind of respect the PIO has towards the Commission as also the RTI Act. The Bench views such type of attitude on the part of PIO adversely. The orders passed by this Bench have been totally overlooked and ignored.
- 6. The facts of the case prove beyond any doubt that the PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Amritsar, 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.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A.,



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Amritsar 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.5,000/- 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-

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- -0800-Other Receipts- 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005.
- 7. The PIO is also directed to comply with the directions of the Bench given on the previous hearing as also to produce the evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty imposed, before the next hearing. The PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Amritsar is also directed to come present to attend the next hearing.
- 8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 01.12.2021 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 Surinder Kumar, S/o Shri Bhagwan Dass, Partap Nagar Welfare Society, Ward No.8, Fatehgarh Churian, District Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Fatehgarh Churian District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No.1502 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Surinder Kumar, appellant

(ii) Shri Sunil Kumar, Clerk, Municipal Council, Fatehgarh Churian District Gurdaspur on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard in Person)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.06.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The appellant Shri Surinder Kumar comes present and states that the information has been provided to him but is not as per his RTI application.
- 3. Shri Sunil Kumar, Clerk, O/o Executive Officer, M.C. Fatehgarh Churian comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of PIO. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letters dated 30.01.2020, 22.06.2020 and 14.07.2020 and that the penalty of Rs.5000/- imposed on the PIO has been deposited. He also produces letter dated 31.08.2021 along with the copy of challan dated 27.08.2021 to support his claim.
- 4. The appellant Shri Surinder Kumar contends that the information supplied is from records of 1987-88 whereas he has asked for the information based on updated records. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of the PIO states that the record has not been up-dated thereafter i.e. after 1987-88.



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5. The Bench peruses the response of the respondent and also reads it out to the appellant.

The Bench observes that the information stands supplied to the appellant as per existing official records.

- 6. The PIO is now directed to file an affidavit on the non judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information as available in official records up-dated upto the year 1987-88, in AC No.1502/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the contents of affidavit are true and correct. Original affidavit and photocopy of the same be also brought along and produced before the Bench during the hearing. The Bench will hand over the original affidavit to the appellant during next haring her at PSIC.
- 7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 01.12.2021 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 Sarabjit Singh S/o Late Shri Harbans Singh, H.No.292, Nagar Sudhar Trust Colony, Scheme No.5, Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sr. Superintendent of Police, Batala, District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Inspector General of Police, Border Range, Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No.3458 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- absent .

(ii) ASI Afrik Singh, RTI Cell, P.S. Dera Baba Nanak, Distt.Gurdaspur/PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard in Person/on Mobile Phone)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.06.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Sarabjit Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing before the Bench.
- 3. ASI Afrik Singh, RTI Cell, P.S. Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. Gurdaspur comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide registered letter dated 28.08.2021.
- 4. The appellant Shri Sarabjit Singh is contacted on mobile phone. He admits the receipt of information, however, states that he needs some time to go through the information received by him for which he requests for another date.
- 5. Although the Bench is convinced that the adequate information stands supplied to the appellant, yet acceding to the request of the appellant, the Bench gives another date of hearing.
- 6. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 01.12.2021 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 Sarabjeet Singh Gill, H.No.60-35-P-376-1,St. No.8, Maha Singh Nagar, Post Office Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana-141014.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1818 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER:

(Heard in person/on Mobile Phone)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.06.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The appeal was scheduled to be heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The appellant Shri Sarabjit Singh Gill has neither come present to attend the hearing before the Bench nor he is available to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
- 3. The PIO has also not come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing before the Bench.
- 4. The Bench makes repeated attempts to contact the appellant on mobile phone, but he does not respond.
- 5. In view of this, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The Bench, however, directs the PIO as well as the appellant to come present before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 01.12.2021 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 Sarabjeet Singh Gill, H.No.60-35-P-376-1,St. No.8, Maha Singh Nagar, Post Office Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana-141014.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1820 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER:

(Heard in person/on Mobile Phone)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.06.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The appeal was scheduled to be heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The appellant Shri Sarabjit Singh Gill has neither come present to attend the hearing before the Bench nor he is available to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
- 3. The PIO has also not come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing before the Bench.
- 4. The Bench makes repeated attempts to contact the appellant on mobile phone, but he does not respond.
- 5. In view of this, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The Bench, however, directs the PIO as well as the appellant to come present before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 01.12.2021 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 Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia, Whistle Blower, Social Worker, District President, Ludhiana NCAG, H.No.60-35-P-376-1, St. No.8, Maha Singh Nagar, Post Office Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana-141014.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

....Respondents

AC No.2063 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Varinder Singh, Assistant Environmental Engineer O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala, APIO, on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 19.02.2021 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 25.04.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.04.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.09.2021 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing before the Bench nor he is available to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
- 3. Shri Varinder Singh, Assistant Environmental Engineer O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala, APIO,comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/respondent. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant by registered post vide letters dated 08.02.2021, 07.04.2021 and 29.04.2021. He further states that the appellant had filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority and he did not attend the hearing twice before Senior Environmental Engineer, the First Appellate Authority in spite of repeated reminders to him. However, he has been supplied requisite information and no deficiencies have been received from him. He produces the relevant documents before the Bench to substantiate his claim.



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- 4. A number of attempts are made to contact the appellant on mobile phone, but he does not respond.
- 5. In view of absence of the appellant, the Bench is unable to arrive at any conclusion without hearing the appellant and deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The Bench, however, directs the PIO as well as the appellant to come present before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 01.12.2021 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 Sushil Kumar, #1410, Phase-1, Urban Estate, Dugri Road, Ludhiana-141013.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Dy.Secretary, RTI Cell, Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL), Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

Chief Engineer, Central Zone, Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., (PSPCL), Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.2335 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

- (ii) Shri Pal Singh, Senior Assistant, Technical-3 Branch, PSPCL, Patiala on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.
- (iii) Shri Rakesh Kumar, Assistant Accounts Officer, Janta Nagar Division, PSPCL, Ludhiana on behalf of PIO.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 17.02.2021 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 24.03.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.05.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.09.2021 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Sushil Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing before the Bench nor he is available for the hearing on Cisco Webex. However, an e.mail has been received from him stating that he has not received complete information.
- 3. Shri Pal Singh, Senior Assistant, Technical-3 Branch, PSPCL, Patiala comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that the appellant has been given point-wise reply vide letter dated 24.03.2021 and also produces copy before the Bench. Shri Rakesh Kumar, Assistant Accounts Officer, Janta Nagar Division, PSPCL, Ludhiana also comes present to attend the hearing and states that the information relating to their office has also been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 23.08.2021.

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- 4. The Appellant Shri Sushil Kumar is contacted on mobile phone to ascertain the present position regarding receipt of information. In spite of a number of attempts made to contact him, no response is received from him. As such, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter.
- 5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 01.12.2021 at 11.30 A.M. before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Rajwinder Singh S/o Shri Kuldeep Singh R/o 26, Nagar Nigam Colony, O/s Gilwali Gate, Amritsar.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., Patiala.

...Respondent

CC No.613/2021

Present: (i) Complainant -absent.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 27.03.2021 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 21.05.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.09.2021 in Commission's Office at Chandigarh. Shri Rajwinder Singh, complainant has neither come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through Cisco Webex.
- 3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing before the Bench nor any information has been supplied to the appellant.
- 4. In view of this, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The Bench, however, directs the PIO as well as the complainant to come present before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 01.12.2021 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 Ravinder Kataria, # 64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar, Dugri Road,Ludhiana-141002.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Fazilka.

....Respondents

AC No.2362 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Pran Sehgal, Data Entry Operator, O/o SDM Fazilka on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 01.02.2021 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 09.04.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.05.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.09.2021 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Ravinder Kataria, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing before the Bench. He has, however, pointed out deficiencies in the reply given vide letter dated 29.08.2021 stating the information sought is not a third party information.
- 3. Shri Pran Sehgal, Data Entry Operator, O/o SDM Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing before the Bench on behalf of the PIO. He states that the reply has been given to the appellant point wise vide letter dated 12.03.2021 and then vide letter dated 23.04.2021 stating that no separate record of the file deposited by vehicle owner after inspection by the Motor Vehicle Inspector, Ferozepur/Fazilka is maintained and only vehicle no., chasis number and engine number can be provided. It is also stated that the information is third party information.

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- 4. The Appellant Shri Ravinder Kataria is contacted on mobile phone to ascertain the present position regarding receipt of information. In spite of a number of attempts made to contact him, no response is received from him. As such, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter.
- 5. The appellant is advised to send a copy of the deficiencies to the PIO, the PIO is directed to supply information to the appellant after removal of deficiencies pointed out. The PIO and the appellant are also directed to ensure to come present before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 6. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 01.12.2021 at 11.30 A.M. before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Runish Dhiman, Advocate, # 437, Sector-3a, Mandi Gobindgarh, Tehsil Amloh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority-cum-Chairman, Punjab Pollution

Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Nabha, District Patiala.

....Respondents

AC No.2757 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Rubal Goyal, Assistant Environmental Engineer, PPCB, Mandi Gobindgarh District Fatehgarh Sahib/APIO on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 14.12.2020 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 28.02.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.06.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.09.2021 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Runish Dhiman, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing before the Bench.
- 3. Shri Rubal Goyal, Assistant Environmental Engineer, PPCB, Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib/APIO comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/respondent. He states that the necessary information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 12.01.2021. He submits the reply before the Bench and the copies of show cause notices issued to the factories.
- 4. The Appellant Shri Runish Dhiman is contacted on mobile phone to ascertain the present position regarding receipt of information. In spite of a number of attempts made to contact him, no response is received from him. As the Bench cannot arrive at any conclusion without hearing the version of the appellant, and as such, deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter.



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5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 01.12.2021 at 11.30 A.M. before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Mukesh Sharma, President, Dabwali RTI Manch, Mandi Dabwali, District Sirsa.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Deputy Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Public Information Officer Civil Surgeon, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority O/o Deputy Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Respondents

AC No.2785 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Dr. Milan Deep, Medical Officer, C.H.C. Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER:

(Heard in Person/on Mobile Phone)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 22.09.2020 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 23.11.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.06.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.09.2021 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Mukesh Sharma, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing before the Bench.
- 3. Dr. Milan Deep, Medical Officer, C.H.C. Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that in pursuance of the directions of Civil Surgeon, Sri Muktsar Sahib, the information as relates to C.H.C. Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 27.08.2021.
- 4. The Bench on perusal of the case file observes that the PIO O/o D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib has transferred the RTI application to Civil Surgeon, Sri Muktsar Sahib, who has further transferred the RTI application to Sr.Medical Officers of Community Health Centers under his control to supply information to the

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appellant. The perusal of case file further reveals that in pursuance of directions of Civil Surgeon, Sri Muktsar Sahib, the SMOs of C.H.C. Chak Sherewal, CHC Lambi, CHC Alamwala, Civil Hospital, Malout, Civil Hospital, Gidderbaha, CHC Doda have supplied information to the appellant.

- 5. Shri Mukesh Sharma, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He denies the receipt of any information. He is made to talk to the representative of PIO present Dr. Milan Deep, who apprises him of the information supplied.
- 6. The Bench, in view of the position as it emerges from the above, impleads the Civil Surgeon, Sri Muktsar Sahib as Respondent No.2 and directs him to collect the information from the concerned C.H.C./ Civil Hospitals under his control and supply consolidated information to the appellant before the next hearing.
- 7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 01.12.2021 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 Jaswant Sarpal, S/o Shri Darbari Lal Sarpal, H. No.220/2, Arian Street, I/s Mahan Singh Gate, Amritsar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sr. Town Planner, Punjab Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Sr. Town Planner, Punjab Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.2646 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Ms. Vininder Kaur, Building Inspector O/o Sr.Town Planner, Department of

Govt., Punjab, Sector-35, Chandigarh, on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER:

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- 1. The RTI application is dated 03.02.2021 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 11.03.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.06.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.09.2021 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Jaswant Sarpal, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing before the Bench nor he is available for the hearing through Cisco Webex.
- 3. Ms. Vininder Kaur, Building Inspector O/o Sr.Town Planner, Department of Local Govt., Punjab, Sector-35, Chandigarh comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. She states that the information relating to their office has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 30.07.2021 and for the balance of the information, the RTI application has been transferred to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar vide letter dated 11.02.2021.

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4. The appellant Shri Jaswant Sarpal is contacted on mobile phone. He is apprised of the version of the representative of the PIO Ms. Vininder Kaur. He, however, states that he does not want to pursue his appeal case before this Bench and requests that his case may be transferred to the Bench of Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner.

5. In view of the above, the instant appeal case is transferred to the Deputy Registrar to put up before the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, for appropriate orders regarding the allocation of this appeal case. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 01.09.2021

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

CC: Deputy Registrar, Punjab State Information Commission.