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Shri Niraj Sharad Kulkarni,
R/o #302B, Nayantara Hills,
Mico Circle, Tidke Colony,
Nashik-422002 (Maharashtra).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Superintending Engineer,
P&M Circle, Punjab State
Transmission Corporation Ltd.
(PSTCL), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Engineer,
P&M Circle, Punjab State
Transmission Corporation Ltd.
(PSTCL), Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3824 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Niraj Sharad Kulkarni, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Amritpal Singh, S.E., P&M Circle, PSTCL, Ludhiana,
PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.12.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The appellant Shri Niraj Sharad Kulkarni comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Amritpal Singh, S.E. P&M Circle, PSTCL, Ludhiana also comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information comprising 188 pages, duly attested by the PIO, has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 03.02.2022 by registered post.
4. Since there is problem in hearing through cisco webex due to poor audio, the appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He reiterates his version made during previous hearing that in the information supplied, whitener has been used and that he is not satisfied with regard to certain documents provided. On enquiring from him if he has pointed out deficiencies to the PIO as pointed out before the Bench. He denies to have done so.

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4. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of the PIO explains the information supplied as also the use of whitener thereon. He is apprised of the version of appellant and is directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, to be pointed out by the appellant and supply rectified information to the appellant before the next hearing.

5. The Bench also directs the PIO 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 sought by the appellant and as available in the official records in AC No.3824 of 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. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 31.05.2022 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
02.03.2022**

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Shri Ashok Kumar,
H.No.214, Pine Homes,
Dhakoli, Zirakpur,
District Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chairman,
Real Estate Regulatory Authority,
Punjab, Sector-18, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chairman,
Real Estate Regulatory Authority,
Punjab, Sector-18, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

AC No.3826/2021

Present:

- (i) **Shri Ashok Kumar, Appellant.**
- (ii) **Shri Pardeep Kumar, Executive General, Admn., RERA Punjab, Chandigarh, on behalf of PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.12.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ashok Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has sought information in respect of Gulmohar Valley-1, Village Kaulimajra, District Mohali, whereas he has been supplied information in respect of Gulmohar Valley, Village Kaulimajra, District Mohali.
3. Shri Pardeep Kumar, Executive General, Admn. O/o RERA, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that the appellant has sought information in respect of project Gulmohar Valley-1, Village Kaulimajra, District Mohali and reiterates the statement as made in the Reply/Written submissions dated 13.12.2021. He also admits that the information had been wrongly sent to the appellant and the fee charged from him had also been refunded to him. He also states that the error occurred on the part of RERA is under the process of correction.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO O/o RERA, Punjab to provide information to the appellant as asked for by him in respect of Gulmohar Valley-I project, before the next hearing. At the same time, the Bench is of the opinion that there has been a grave error on the part of official concerned in



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providing incorrect information thereby causing harassment to the appellant, which also reflects the poor handling of RTI applications in the office of RERA. The Bench opines that the official responsible must be proceeded against and disciplinary action taken for such a negligence.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 31.05.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Daljit Singh,
R/o H. No.23/7, Friends Colony,
Opposite D.A.V. College,
Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

...Respondents

AC No.4108/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Daljit 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 20.12.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Daljit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has not been provided any information yet.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar has 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 observes that the RTI application of appellant is dated 30.03.2021 and the first appeal is dated 31.05.2021 and in spite of the lapse of about four months, the appellant has not been provided any information. The indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar 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 appear for the hearing and for not supplying information to the appellant. 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.

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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 they 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 Bench also directs the PIO to supply information to the appellant on the points as raised in his RTI application, before the next hearing. He is also directed to 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 31.05.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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02.03.2022**

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Smt. Inderjit Kaur,
R/o House No.146,
Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Near Tagore Hospital,
Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No.4105/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Daljit Singh, on behalf of the 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 20.12.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Daljit Singh, comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant through cisco webex. He states that the appellant has not been provided any information yet.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar has 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 observes that the RTI application of appellant is dated 30.03.2021 and the first appeal is dated 31.05.2021 and in spite of the lapse of about four months, the appellant has not been provided any information. The indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar 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 appear for the hearing and for not supplying information to the appellant. 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 her 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 they 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 Bench also directs the PIO to supply information to the appellant on the points as raised in her RTI application, before the next hearing. He is also directed to 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 31.05.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Kuldip Singh,
Sohiya Road, Rajgarh Road,
Ward No.7, Sangrur.

Versus

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Director General School Education,
Punjab, Vidya Bhawan, Phase-8,
Mohali..

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of School Education,
Mohali.

...Respondents

AC No.4429/2021

Present:

- (i) **Shri Kuldip Singh, Appellant.**
- (ii) **Shri Harish Sharma, Senior Assistant, Shri Jatinder Puri, Senior Assistant and Shri Aman Sani, Clerk O/o DGSE (Services-3 Branch), Punjab, Mohali, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.01.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Kuldip Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person. He states that he has not been provided information as per his RTI application and he has received only a copy of enquiry report.
3. Shri Harish Sharma, Senior Assistant, Shri Jatinder Puri, Senior Assistant and Shri Aman Sani, Clerk O/o DGSE (Services-3 Branch), Punjab, Mohali, come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. They appear before the Bench after the version of the appellant has been heard and he has left. Shri Harish Sharma feels sorry for the delay in reaching the Bench and states that it occurred as they had to attend a hearing in the Hon'ble High Court. He states that an enquiry was got conducted into the complaint made by the appellant and the appellant was supplied information as also a copy of the charge sheet issued to the Principal mentioned in his complaint.
4. The case was deliberated upon in detail. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office on 07.03.2022 at 11.00 AM and allow him access to the relevant official records. The information as may be identified by the appellant after inspection, be supplied to him before the next hearing. The appellant is also contacted on mobile phone and advised to visit the office of PIO on 07.03.2022 at 11.00 AM.



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AC No.4429/2021

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.04.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation
(Building Department),
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5485 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Appellant- absent.**
 (ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 26.04.2021 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 31.05.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 02.03.2022 through cisco webex.. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 01.03.2022 stating that no information has been supplied to him so far.

3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of this representatives to attend the hearing.

4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter. 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 31.05.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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02.03.2022**

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Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation
(Building Department),
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5486 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) Appellant- absent.
 (ii) None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 26.04.2021 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 31.05.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 02.03.2022 through cisco webex.. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 01.03.2022 stating that no information has been supplied to him so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of this representatives to attend the hearing.
4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter. 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 31.05.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation
(Building Department),
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5487 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 27.04.2021 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 31.05.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 02.03.2022 through cisco webex.. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 01.03.2022 stating that no information has been supplied to him so far.

3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of this representatives to attend the hearing.

4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter. As such, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter.

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Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation
(Building Department),
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5488 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) Appellant- absent.
 (ii) None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 30.04.2021 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 31.05.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 02.03.2022 through cisco webex.. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 01.03.2022 stating that no information has been supplied to him so far.
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