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Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate, #8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Maullanpur. Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer. Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.633/2020

Present: Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant (i)

> Sh.Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, (ii)

> > Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana / PIO.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C.
- 3. Shri Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha/ PIO comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.. He states that the information has been provided to the appellant after the official records were inspected by the appellant. He elaborates to say that his team of officials stayed well beyond office hours to help the appellant to access official records and cull out the information in numerous appeal cases filed by him. However, the approach of the appellant is harassment of the Department and he keeps seeking details which do not exist.
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6.. Post deliberations, the Bench directs that the PIO to again call the appellant to his office to inspect the official records to identify the information as per his RTI application. The PIO is directed to ensure that the information so identified by the appellant is provided to the appellant.

- 7. On the asking of the Bench as to the date on which the appellant may visit for inspection of the records, the PIO assures to intimate the same after mutually deciding the date with the appellant. The appellant also agrees to it.
- 8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.633 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.634 of 2020

Versus

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Sh.Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana / PIO.

ORDER

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- 8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.634 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

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First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.635 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Sh.Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana / PIO.

ORDER

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- 8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.635 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

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First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.636 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Sh.Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana / PIO.

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- 7. On the asking of the Bench as to the date on which the appellant may visit for inspection of the records, the PIO assures to intimate the same after mutually deciding the date with the appellant. The appellant also agrees to it.
- 8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.636 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

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Public Information Officer

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First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.637 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Sh.Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana / PIO.

ORDER

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- 2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C.
- 3. Shri Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha/ PIO comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.. He states that the information has been provided to the appellant after the official records were inspected by the appellant. He elaborates to say that his team of officials stayed well beyond office hours to help the appellant to access official records and cull out the information in numerous appeal cases filed by him. However, the approach of the appellant is harassment of the Department and he keeps seeking details which do not exist.
- 4. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant comes present to attend the hearing. He states that though he visited the office of PIO, but he was not allowed access to the records properly, rather he was denied access to the official records. He refutes the statement of the PIO that information has been supplied to him in all the cases. He was supplied information only in one case which is not fixed for hearing today.
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- 7. On the asking of the Bench as to the date on which the appellant may visit for inspection of the records, the PIO assures to intimate the same after mutually deciding the date with the appellant. The appellant also agrees to it.
- 8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.637 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Public Information Officer

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First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.638/2020

Present:

- Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant (i)
- Shri Hira Singh, Clerk, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, (ii) Jagraon, District Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER

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- 2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C.
- 3. Shri Hira Singh, Clerk O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that information has been supplied to the appellant after the inspection of records by the appellant.
- 4. The appellant states that he visited the office of PIO for inspection of record on 09.07.2020, but he was not allowed any inspection of official records, rather he was denied such inspection. He also further states that he has not been provided any information.
- The Bench observes that the directions of the Commission given on the previous date of 5. hearing have not been complied with as the PIO was directed to file an affidavit after supplying the information to the appellant.

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AC No.638/2020

6. The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon, District Ludhiana is now issued show cause notice to explain his absence and 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 non-supply of information to the appellant and for not complying with the directions of Commission. 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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- 7. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.
- 8. The PIO is again directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.638 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

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First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana,

....Respondents

AC No.641 of 2020

Versus

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Sh.Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana / PIO.

ORDER

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- 4. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant comes present to attend the hearing. He states that though he visited the office of PIO, but he was not allowed access to the records properly, rather he was denied access to the official records. He refutes the statement of the PIO that information has been supplied to him in all the cases. He was supplied information only in one case which is not fixed for hearing today.
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- 6.. Post deliberations, the Bench directs that the PIO to again call the appellant to his office to inspect the official records to identify the information as per his RTI application. The PIO is directed to ensure that the information so identified by the appellant is provided to the appellant.
- 7. On the asking of the Bench as to the date on which the appellant may visit for inspection of the records, the PIO assures to intimate the same after mutually deciding the date with the appellant. The appellant also agrees to it.
- 8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.641 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
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.....Appellant

Versus

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First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.642 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Sh.Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana / PIO.

ORDER

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- 8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.642 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.643 of 2020

Versus

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Sh.Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana / PIO.

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- 7. On the asking of the Bench as to the date on which the appellant may visit for inspection of the records, the PIO assures to intimate the same after mutually deciding the date with the appellant. The appellant also agrees to it.
- 8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.643 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana.

Distt.Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.661 of 2020

Versus

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Sh.Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana / PIO.

ORDER

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- 6.. Post deliberations, the Bench directs that the PIO to again call the appellant to his office to inspect the official records to identify the information as per his RTI application. The PIO is directed to ensure that the information so identified by the appellant is provided to the appellant.
- 7. On the asking of the Bench as to the date on which the appellant may visit for inspection of the records, the PIO assures to intimate the same after mutually deciding the date with the appellant. The appellant also agrees to it.
- 8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.661 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.763 of 2020

Versus

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Sh.Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana / PIO.

ORDER

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- 4. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant comes present to attend the hearing. He states that though he visited the office of PIO, but he was not allowed access to the records properly, rather he was denied access to the official records. He refutes the statement of the PIO that information has been supplied to him in all the cases. He was supplied information only in one case which is not fixed for hearing today.
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- 6.. Post deliberations, the Bench directs that the PIO to again call the appellant to his office to inspect the official records to identify the information as per his RTI application. The PIO is directed to ensure that the information so identified by the appellant is provided to the appellant.
- 7. On the asking of the Bench as to the date on which the appellant may visit for inspection of the records, the PIO assures to intimate the same after mutually deciding the date with the appellant. The appellant also agrees to it.
- 8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.763 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana,

....Respondents

AC No.764 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Sh.Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana / PIO.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C.
- 3. Shri Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha/ PIO comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.. He states that the information has been provided to the appellant after the official records were inspected by the appellant. He elaborates to say that his team of officials stayed well beyond office hours to help the appellant to access official records and cull out the information in numerous appeal cases filed by him. However, the approach of the appellant is harassment of the Department and he keeps seeking details which do not exist.
- 4. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant comes present to attend the hearing. He states that though he visited the office of PIO, but he was not allowed access to the records properly, rather he was denied access to the official records. He refutes the statement of the PIO that information has been supplied to him in all the cases. He was supplied information only in one case which is not fixed for hearing today.
- 5. The PIO contends the version of the appellant and states that statement of the appellant is not correct as he visited on two dates and his staff had to work late hours to enable the appellant to inspect the relevant records as per his RTI application.



- 6.. Post deliberations, the Bench directs that the PIO to again call the appellant to his office to inspect the official records to identify the information as per his RTI application. The PIO is directed to ensure that the information so identified by the appellant is provided to the appellant.
- 7. On the asking of the Bench as to the date on which the appellant may visit for inspection of the records, the PIO assures to intimate the same after mutually deciding the date with the appellant. The appellant also agrees to it.
- 8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.764 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

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First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.765 of 2020

Versus

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Sh.Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana / PIO.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C.
- 3. Shri Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha/ PIO comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.. He states that the information has been provided to the appellant after the official records were inspected by the appellant. He elaborates to say that his team of officials stayed well beyond office hours to help the appellant to access official records and cull out the information in numerous appeal cases filed by him. However, the approach of the appellant is harassment of the Department and he keeps seeking details which do not exist.
- 4. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant comes present to attend the hearing. He states that though he visited the office of PIO, but he was not allowed access to the records properly, rather he was denied access to the official records. He refutes the statement of the PIO that information has been supplied to him in all the cases. He was supplied information only in one case which is not fixed for hearing today.
- 5. The PIO contends the version of the appellant and states that statement of the appellant is not correct as he visited on two dates and his staff had to work late hours to enable the appellant to inspect the relevant records as per his RTI application.



- 6.. Post deliberations, the Bench directs that the PIO to again call the appellant to his office to inspect the official records to identify the information as per his RTI application. The PIO is directed to ensure that the information so identified by the appellant is provided to the appellant.
- 7. On the asking of the Bench as to the date on which the appellant may visit for inspection of the records, the PIO assures to intimate the same after mutually deciding the date with the appellant. The appellant also agrees to it.
- 8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.765 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.969 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

> (ii) Shri Hira Singh, Clerk, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Jagraon, District Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C.
- 3. Shri Hira Singh, Clerk O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that information has been supplied to the appellant after the inspection of records by the appellant.
- The appellant states that he visited the office of PIO for inspection of record on 09.07.2020, 4. but he was not allowed any inspection of official records, rather he was denied such inspection. He also further states that he has not been provided any information.
- The Bench observes that the directions of the Commission given on the previous date of hearing have not been complied with as the PIO was directed to file an affidavit after supplying the information to the appellant.

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-2- <u>AC No.969/2020</u>

6. The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon, District Ludhiana is now issued show cause notice to explain his absence and 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 non-supply of information to the appellant and for not complying with the directions of Commission. 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

7. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

in getting the information.

8. The PIO is again directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO

and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.969 of 2020, as available in

the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The

information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and

photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on

04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.970 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Shri Hira Singh, Clerk, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Jagraon, District Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER

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- 2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C.
- 3. Shri Hira Singh, Clerk O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that information has been supplied to the appellant after the inspection of records by the appellant.
- 4. The appellant states that he visited the office of PIO for inspection of record on 09.07.2020, but he was not allowed any inspection of official records, rather he was denied such inspection. He also further states that he has not been provided any information.
- 5. The Bench observes that the directions of the Commission given on the previous date of hearing have not been complied with as the PIO was directed to file an affidavit after supplying the information to the appellant.

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AC No.970/2020

6. The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon, District Ludhiana is now issued show cause notice to explain his absence and 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 non-supply of information to the appellant and for not complying with the directions of Commission. 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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- 8. The PIO is again directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.970 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.972 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Shri Hira Singh, Clerk, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon, District Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER

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- 2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C.
- 3. Shri Hira Singh, Clerk O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that information has been supplied to the appellant after the inspection of records by the appellant.
- 4. The appellant states that he visited the office of PIO for inspection of record on 09.07.2020, but he was not allowed any inspection of official records, rather he was denied such inspection. He also further states that he has not been provided any information.
- 5. The Bench observes that the directions of the Commission given on the previous date of hearing have not been complied with as the PIO was directed to file an affidavit after supplying the information to the appellant.

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-2- <u>AC No.972/2020</u>

6. The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon, District Ludhiana is now issued show cause notice to explain his absence and 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 non-supply of information to the appellant and for not complying with the directions of Commission. 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, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.
- 8. The PIO is again directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.972 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.973 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Shri Hira Singh, Clerk, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Jagraon, District Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER

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- 2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C.
- 3. Shri Hira Singh, Clerk O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that information has been supplied to the appellant after the inspection of records by the appellant.
- 4. The appellant states that he visited the office of PIO for inspection of record on 09.07.2020, but he was not allowed any inspection of official records, rather he was denied such inspection. He also further states that he has not been provided any information.
- 5. The Bench observes that the directions of the Commission given on the previous date of hearing have not been complied with as the PIO was directed to file an affidavit after supplying the information to the appellant.

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-2- <u>AC No.973/2020</u>

6. The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon, District Ludhiana is now issued show cause notice to explain his absence and 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 non-supply of information to the appellant and for not complying with the directions of Commission. 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, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.
- 8. The PIO is again directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.973 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.974 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Shri Hira Singh, Clerk, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council,

Jagraon, District Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C.
- 3. Shri Hira Singh, Clerk O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that information has been supplied to the appellant after the inspection of records by the appellant.
- 4. The appellant states that he visited the office of PIO for inspection of record on 09.07.2020, but he was not allowed any inspection of official records, rather he was denied such inspection. He also further states that he has not been provided any information.
- 5. The Bench observes that the directions of the Commission given on the previous date of hearing have not been complied with as the PIO was directed to file an affidavit after supplying the information to the appellant.

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6. The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon, District Ludhiana is now issued show cause notice to explain his absence and 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 non-supply of information to the appellant and for not complying with the directions of Commission. 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, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.
- 8. The PIO is again directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.974 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.977 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant

(ii) Shri Hira Singh, Clerk, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon, District Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C.
- 3. Shri Hira Singh, Clerk O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that information has been supplied to the appellant after the inspection of records by the appellant.
- 4. The appellant states that he visited the office of PIO for inspection of record on 09.07.2020, but he was not allowed any inspection of official records, rather he was denied such inspection. He also further states that he has not been provided any information.
- 5. The Bench observes that the directions of the Commission given on the previous date of hearing have not been complied with as the PIO was directed to file an affidavit after supplying the information to the appellant.

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AC No.977/2020

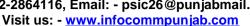
6. The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Jagraon, District Ludhiana is now issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for non-supply of information to the appellant and for not complying with the directions of Commission. 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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- 7. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.
- 8. The PIO is again directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.977 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Sh. Manpreet Singh Aulakh S/o Shri Dvinder Singh, # Village Kailpur, Ludhiana Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director. Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.782 of 2020

PRESENT: (i) Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, on behalf of the appellant.

> Shri Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha (ii) District Ludhiana/ PIO.

ORDER;

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, attends the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant.
- Shri Parvinder Singh, Executive Officer, M.C. Mullanpur Dakha/ PIO comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.. He states that the information has been provided to the appellant.
- Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who is present on behalf of the appellant, states that no information has been provided to the appellant.
- 5.. Post deliberations and difference in version of the parties involved, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office to inspect the official records to identify the information as per his RTI application. The PIO is directed to ensure that the information so identified by the appellant is provided to the appellant.
- On the asking of the Bench as to the date on which the appellant may visit for inspection of 6. the records, the PIO assures to intimate the same after mutually deciding the date with the appellant. The representative of the appellant also agrees to it.



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- 7. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next date of hearing signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.782 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
- 8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 04.11.2020 at 11.30 AM though V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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