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

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Addl. Superintending Engineer,
Urban Sub Division, PSPCL,Dhuri,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Chief Engineer,
Distribution Circle, PSPCL,
Barnala.

...Respondents

AC No.1405/2021

Present: (i) Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, 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 29.09.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. However, Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Manoj Garg, Addl.S.E., D.S. Division, PSPCL, Dhuri, District Sangrur has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. or through cisco webex. He has, however, sent an e.mail stating that due to ill health, he will not be able to attend the hearing and as such, has asked for adjournment in the instant appeal case.
4. On perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that a letter dated 24.09.2021 is available in the case file stating therein that the appellant had come present in Sub Division Urban, PSPCL Dhuri and the information has been provided to him vide letter dated 24.09.2021 and that an affidavit has also been sent to the appellant.

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5. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he had visited the office of PIO for inspection of records, but complete information has not been provided to him. He further states that he has not received the affidavit. Upon this, repeated attempts are made to contact the PIO/Respondent Shri Manoj Garg, but there is no response from him.

6. Post deliberations with the appellant, the Bench directs the PIO to again call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the official records and provide him the additional information point-wise as may be identified by him. Thereafter, after supplying the information to the appellant, PIO is directed to file a fresh affidavit as per directions given on the previous hearings.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 16.03.2022 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 Kala Singh

S/o Shri Amar Singh,

R/o Village Lang, PO Lang,

Tehsil & District Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Divisional Officer,

Sub Division, PSPCL, Kalyan,

District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Executive Engineer,

East Division, PSPCL,

Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.1463/2021

Present:

(i) **Appellant- absent.**

(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 29.09.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case was scheduled to be heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Kala Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or 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 in person. Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Clerk O/o SDO PSPCL, Kalyan, District Patiala, who had attended the hearing on 13.07.2021, is contacted on mobile phone. He, however, is unable to recollect the facts of the case.

4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO or any of his representatives, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the instant appeal case and 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 16.03.2022 before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Gaganpreet Singh, Advocate
Chamber No.8039, 8th Floor,
New Court Complex, Part-II,
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Addl. S.E./Sr.XEN.

PSPCL Division West, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Addl. S.E./Sr.XEN.

PSPCL Division West, Ludhiana.

..Respondent

AC No.2913/2021

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

ORDER:

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 29.09.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

1. The case was scheduled to be heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Gaganpreet Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.

2. The PIO has also not come present to attend the hearing in person nor through cisco webex. The Bench, however, on perusal of case file observes that a letter dated 22.10.2021 is available in the case file whereby it has been stated that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 12.10.2021.

3. To ascertain the position regarding the supply of information, the appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He denies the receipt of information.

5 The Bench observes that the PIO has failed to attend the hearing in person in spite of directions of the Bench nor has sent any intimation in this regard. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely. The PIO/Addl. Superintending Engineer/Operation, Urban Western Division (Special), PSPCL, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action

should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to appear for the hearing and for not complying with the directions of the Bench. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

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

7. PIO is directed to provide complete information to the appellant and also ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 16.03.2022 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 Walia,
Kothi No.279, Phase-6
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development,
Authority (GLADA), Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer/

Law Officer
Greater Ludhiana Area
Development Authority (GLADA)
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development,
Authority (GLADA), Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3851 of 2020

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent No.1 and 2.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.10.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Ravinder Walia, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing.
3. Neither the PIO/Respondent No.1 has come present to attend the hearing nor the PIO/Respondent No.2 has come present to attend the hearing in person nor they have deputed any of their representatives to attend the hearing before the Bench.
4. In the absence of the appellant and the PIO/Respondents, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter and as such, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter.

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AC No.3851/2020

4. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 16.03.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
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Shri Paramjeet Singh,
H.No.253, Street No.8,
New Mohini Park,
Opposite Khalsa College,
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o BDPO Bhikhiwind,
District Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority

O/o DDPO
Tarn Taran.

...Respondents

AC No.4818/2021

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 02.08.2021 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 03.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.01.2022 through cisco webex. Shri Paramjeet Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. The PIO O/o BDPO Bhikhiwind, District Tarn Taran has also not come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his 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 and as such, deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter.
5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 16.03.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commissions' office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Dilbagh Chand,
S/o Shri Ramji Dass,
Village Hiyatpur, PO Habowal
Tehsil Samrala, Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Financial Commissioner,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Sector-62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Financial Commissioner,
Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Sector-62, Mohali.

...Respondents

AC No.4827/2021

Present:

- (i) Shri Dilbagh Chand, Appellant.
- (ii) Shri Baljit Singh, Senior Assistant,RD-1 Branch O/o Financial Commissioner,
Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretairat-2,
Chandigarh on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 12.07.2021 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 01.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.01.2022 through cisco webex. Shri Dilbagh Chand, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri PIO O/o Baljit Singh, Senior Assistant,RD-1 Branch O/o Financial Commissioner, Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretairat-2, Chandigarh comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the PIO/respondent. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant on 31.12.2021 by registered post.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies the receipt of information. As such, the representative of PIO is apprised of his version and is asked to send this information on the e.mail address of appellant. He, however, states that there is no e.mail address of the appellant available. The appellant states that he has sent two reminders from his e.mail address to the PIO related to his RTI application.



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5. On enquiring from the representative of PIO, he states that the appellant has been making correspondence with the office of Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab and he should have made this correspondence with Rural Development Branch-1 in O/o Financial Commissioner, Rural Development & Panchayat, Punjab.

6. Post deliberations, the representative of PIO is directed to send the information again to the appellant by registered post as well as by e.mail today itself.

7. With the aforesaid direction, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 16.03.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh or through cisco webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Ramesh Kumar,
S/o Shri Sukhdev Singh,
Village Bullan, Tehsil Munak,
District Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Sector-62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Rural Development & Panchayat Deptt.,
Sector-62, Mohali.

...Respondents

AC No.4829/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Ramesh Kumar, Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 23.06.2021 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 04.08.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.01.2022 through cisco webex. Shri Ramesh Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has not been provided any information so far.

3. Neither the PIO O/o Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab, Mohali has come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/respondent nor any information has been supplied to the appellant by the PIO. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

4. The PIO O/o Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab Mohali is issued show cause notice 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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5. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

6. PIO is directed to provide complete information to the appellant and also to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid direction, the matter is adjourned. **To come for hearing on 16.03.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh or through cisco webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Ramesh Kumar,
S/o Shri Sukhdev Singh,
Village Bullan, Tehsil Munak,
District Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Development & Panchayat
Officer (BDPO), Anandana at Munak,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development & Panchayat
Officer (DDPO), Sangrur.

...Respondents

AC No.4833/2021

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

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 17.06.2021 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 04.08.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.10.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.01.2022 through cisco webex. Shri Ramesh Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has not been provided any information so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Anandana at Munak, District Sangrur has come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/respondent nor any information has been supplied to the appellant by the PIO. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Anandana at Munak, District Sangrur 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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AC No.4833/2021

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

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