**SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.** 





Shri Gurmej Lal, Whistle Blower, H.No.6375, St. No.16, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Backside Bachan Gas Agency, Near Mair Di Chakki, P.O. Daba, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

**Versus** 

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Commissioner. Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

## AC No. 3300 of 2020

PRESENT: Shri Gurmej Lal, Appellant. (i)

> None on behalf of the PIO. (ii)

## ORDER:

### (Heard through cisco webex)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.02.2022 passed by the Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that in spite of inspection of the records done by him and visits to the office of PIO twice, he has not been supplied information so far.
- 3. Neither the PIO has come present nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing. However, a telephonic message has been received from the office of Medical Officer of Health, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana stating that Shri Harbans Singh Dhalla was to attend the hearing but due to his ill health, he is not in a position to attend the hearing and as such, has requested for giving another date of hearing.

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### AC No.3300/2020

4. The Bench observes that in spite of the directions of the Bench regarding supply of information as identified by the appellant after inspection of records, filing reply to the show cause notice, production of an evidence for having deposited the penalty imposed on the PIO vide order dated 16.03.2021 as also filing of the affidavit, the things still remain the same. The Bench takes serious note of the same.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench, in view of the request made on behalf of the PIO, gives another opportunity to the PIO to supply the information to the appellant as identified by him by registered post as well as by e.mail, to file reply to the show cause notice, to produce the evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty and also to produce the original affidavit before the Bench on the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 03.08.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 04.05.2022 Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Sarabjeet Singh Gill, H.No.60-35, P-376-1, Street No.8, Maha Singh Nagar, P.O: DhandariKalan, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

### **Versus**

**Public Information Officer.** O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No.3299 of 2020

PRESENT: Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, on behalf of the Appellant.

> (ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

### ORDER:

# (Heard through cisco webex)

- This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.02.2022 passed by the 1. Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the appellant. He states that in spite of inspection of the records done by him and visits to the office of PIO twice, the appellant has not been supplied information so far.
- 3. Neither the PIO has come present nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing. However, a telephonic message has been received from the office of Medical Officer of Health, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana stating that Shri Harbans Singh Dhalla was to attend the hearing but due to his ill health, he is not in a position to attend the hearing and as such, has requested for giving another date of hearing.

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- 4. The Bench observes that in spite of the directions of the Bench regarding supply of information as identified by the appellant after inspection of records, filing reply to the show cause notice, production of an evidence for having deposited the penalty imposed on the PIO vide order dated 16.03.2021 as also filing of the affidavit, the things still remain the same. The Bench takes serious note of the same.
- 5. Post deliberations, the Bench, in view of the request made on behalf of the PIO, gives another opportunity to the PIO to supply the information to the appellant as identified by him by registered post as well as by e.mail, to file reply to the show cause notice, to produce the evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty and also to produce the original affidavit before the Bench on the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 03.08.2022 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 Hardeep Singh S/o Shri Harnam Singh, Village Mandi Hazur Singh, Post Office Karni Khera, Tehsil & District Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

### **Public Information Officer**

O/o Addl. Dy. Commissioner(Development) Fazilka.

# **First Appellate Authority**

O/o Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

....Respondents

# AC No.3507 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

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

### ORDER

# (Heard on mobile phone)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Hardeep Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
- 3. The PIOs, Shri Gurbachan Singh, GRS Village Muthianwali/Chananwala was exempted from further hearings during previous hearing. However, neither Shri Manish Kumar, GRS, Village Mandi Hazur Singh, District Fazilka has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex though he was directed to supply information and to come present in person before the Bench on the previous hearing.

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<u>AC No.3507/2021</u>

4. The appellant Shri Hardeep Singh is contacted on mobile phone. He states that Shri Manish Kumar, Gram Rozgar Sewak was to supply information to him in respect of Village Mandi Hazur Singh and he has not received the information from him so far.

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5. The PIO Shri Manish Kumar, Gram Rozgar Sewak, Village Mandi Hazur Singh, District Fazilka 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.

- 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. Shri Manish Kumar, Gram Rozgar Sewak is directed to supply complete information to the appellant as also ensure to come present before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 03.08.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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### **REGISTERED**

Shri Ram Gopal Singla, S/o Shri Amar Nath, H.No.236, D.C Colony, Sirsa.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Chief Engineer, PSPCL, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority O/o Chief Engineer, PSPCL, Bathinda.

....Respondents

### AC No. 541 of 2022

**Present:** (i) Shri Ram Gopal Singla, Appellant, in person.

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

### ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 27.09.2021 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 29.10.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.01.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.05.2022. The case has been heard today. Shri Ram Gopal Singla, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has not been supplied information by the PIO so far.
- 3. Neither the PIO has come present in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. The Bench observes that the RTI application of the appellant is dated 27.09.2021 and the First Appeal is dated 29.10.2021. In spite of lapse of more than six months, the appellant has not been supplied information. This attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

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AC No.541/2022

4. The PIO O/o Chief Engineer, PSPCL, Bathinda 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.

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. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him

access to the official records. The appellant will identify the information after inspection of records. The

PIO is directed to supply information, as may be identified appellant, 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

03.08.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the

concerned parties.

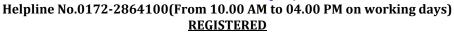
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Shri Kartar Singh, S/o Shri Nirmal Singh, VPO: Kurala Kalan Urmur, Distt:Hoshiarpur.

.....Appellant

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar.

**Assistant Public Information Officer** 

Superintendent, O/o E.O. Regulatory, Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

## AC No. 566 of 2022

- Present: Shri Surinder Pal Singh, on behalf of the Appellant, in person.
  - Shri Pawan Kumar, SDO O/o Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar/ (ii) PIO/respondent, in person.

Versus

### **ORDER**

- The RTI application is dated 13.09.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information 1. as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 03.11.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.01.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.05.2022. The case has been heard 2. today. Shri Surinder Pal Singh comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of the appellant.
- 3. Shri Pawan Kumar, SDO O/o Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant had sought information with regard to the non-issuance of No Objection Certificate in respect of his plot at Village Chohal, District Hoshiarpur

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and reply to the RTI application of the appellant was received from the APIO O/o Estate Officer (R), J.D.A. Jalandhar vide their letter dated 14.10.2021 and the same has been forwarded to the appellant vide letter dated 18.10.2021.

- 4. Shri Surinder Pal Singh, representative of appellant states that the objections raised by the J.D.A. Jalandhar were removed by the appellant on 30.04.2015 but in spite of that, the NOC has not been issued to the appellant. He further states that the objection has been raised regarding the size of plot in that village whereas a NOC has been issued to another applicant Smt. Gurmeet Kaur whose plot is exactly of the same size.
- Post deliberations, Shri Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent/APIO, O/o Estate Officer, Regulatory, Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar is impleaded as Respondent No.2. He is directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the official records. The appellant will identify the information after inspection of records. The APIO is directed to supply information, as may be identified appellant, before the next hearing. He is also directed to ensure to come present in person before the Bench, bringing along the entire relevant record and produce the same before the Bench, on the next hearing. The PIO Shri Pawan Kumar is also directed to come present in person on the next hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 03.08.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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## REGISTERED

Shri Jagdeep Singh Deol, # 396, Choti Baradari, Part-1, Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Chief Administrator, GMADA, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority O/o Chief Administrator, GMADA. Mohali.

....Respondents

## AC No. 565 of 2022

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Gurvinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer, GMADA, Mohali,

PIO/respondent, in person.

## **ORDER**

- 1. The RTI application is dated 03.11.2020 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 16.12.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.01.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.05.2022. The case has been heard today. Shri Jagdeep Singh Deol, appellant has not comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of the appellant.
- 3. Shri Gurvinder Singh, PIO O/o GMADA, Mohali comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing. He states that a 400 square yards plot allotted to the appellant was cancelled and the appellant had filed an appeal before the A.C.A. GMADA and that the appellant has sought information with regard to his application for restoration of allotment of the said plot. He further states that the appellant has been sent copy of cancellation letter.

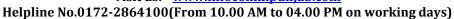
- 4. Post deliberations with the PIO, he is directed to send point-wise reply to the RTI application of the appellant, before the next hearing as also to ensure to come present in person along with the relevant record on the next hearing.
- 5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 03.08.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh 04.05.2022** 

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## REGISTERED

Shri Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bolapur, Jhabewal, P.O:Ramgarh, Distt:Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer** O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority** O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

### AC No. 560 of 2022

Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant, in person. Present: (i)

> Shri Tarun, Clerk, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, on behalf of the (ii)

> > PIO/respondent.

ORDER

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

- 1. The RTI application is dated 16.03.2021 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 06.11.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.01.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 04.05.2022. The case has been heard today. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has not been provided information so far.
- 3. Shri Tarun, Clerk O/o GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO through cisco webex. He states that he has recently joined and the copy of complaint made by the appellant is not available with them and requests for making available a copy of the same. The Bench, however, in order to ensure that the appellant is supplied information sought by him, will send a copy of the complaint along with the order. The PIO is directed to ensure supply of requisite information to the appellant before the next hearing.

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4. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 03.08.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties. Copy of the copy of RTI application along with a copy of complaint dated 09.02.2021 be sent to the PIO along with the order.

Chandigarh 04.05.2022

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