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Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Distt. Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

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

...Respondents

AC No.4114/2019

Present: None.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.12.2019 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.
2. The appellant is absent today. He has sent an e-mail that he cannot attend the hearing and has requested for next date of hearing. He has also stated that as per directions of Hon'ble Commission, neither he has been called by the PIO to Municipal Corporation to peruse the record nor any information has been provided to him.
3. None is present on behalf of the PIO. An e-mail dated 04.02.2020 has been received from the PIO, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar Sh. Nirmaljit Verma vide which he has expressed his inability to attend the hearing as he has to attend his personal hearing before the Director, Local Government, Punjab.
4. From the perusal of the documents available on file, it is observed that the PIO has not complied with the directions given by the Commission on the last date of hearing as he was directed to call the appellant to the office and allow him access to the relevant record to identify the information and to provide 50 pages free of cost and then additional pages at a cost of Rs.2/- per page. But he has failed to do so. The attitude of the PIO towards the directions of the Bench is viewed adversely.



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AC No.4114/2019

5. The PIO Sh.Nirmaljit Verma, Building Inspector is issued show cause notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 to explain as to why action should not be taken against him for not abiding by the directions of the Commission to allow inspection of official records by the appellant and also not attending the hearing in person in spite of order of the Commission.

6. The PIO is advised to be present on the next hearing along with the reply to the show cause notice.

7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **02.03.2020 at 11.30 AM.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
05.02.2020**

**Sd/-
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...Respondents

AC No.4115/2019

Present: None.

ORDER

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3. None is present on behalf of the PIO. An e-mail dated 04.02.2020 has been received from the PIO, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar Sh. Nirmaljit Verma vide which he has expressed his inability to attend the hearing as he has to attend his personal hearing before the Director, Local Government, Punjab.
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AC No.4115/2019

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6. The PIO is advised to be present on the next hearing along with the reply to the show cause notice.

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...Respondents

AC No.4116/2019

Present: None.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.12.2019 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.
2. The appellant is absent today. He has sent an e-mail that he cannot attend the hearing and has requested for next date of hearing. He has also stated that as per directions of Hon'ble Commission, neither he has been called by the PIO to Municipal Corporation to peruse the record nor any information has been provided to him.
3. None is present on behalf of the PIO. An e-mail dated 04.02.2020 has been received from the PIO, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar Sh. Nirmaljit Verma vide which he has expressed his inability to attend the hearing as he has to attend his personal hearing before the Director, Local Government, Punjab.
4. From the perusal of the documents available on file, it is observed that the PIO has not complied with the directions given by the Commission on the last date of hearing as he was directed to call the appellant to the office and allow him access to the relevant record to identify the information and to provide 50 pages free of cost and then additional pages at a cost of Rs.2/- per page. But he has failed to do so. The attitude of the PIO towards the directions of the Bench is viewed adversely.



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AC No.4116/2019

5. The PIO Sh.Nirmaljit Verma, Building Inspector is issued show cause notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 to explain as to why action should not be taken against him for not abiding by the directions of the Commission to allow inspection of official records by the appellant and also not attending the hearing in person in spite of order of the Commission.

6. The PIO is advised to be present on the next hearing along with the reply to the show cause notice.

7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **02.03.2020 at 11.30 AM.**

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

...Respondents

AC No.4117/2019

Present: None.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.12.2019 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.
2. The appellant is absent today. The appellant has, however, informed telephonically to having received the information in the instant appeal case.
3. None is present on behalf of the PIO. An e-mail dated 04.02.2020 has been received from the PIO, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar Sh. Nirmaljit Verma vide which he has expressed his inability to attend the hearing as he has to attend his personal hearing before the Director, Local Government, Punjab.
4. Since the appellant has admitted to having received the information in this appeal case, no further intervention of the Commission is called for. **The Appeal is disposed off and the case is closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Jalandhar.

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

...Respondents

AC No.4118/2019

Present: None.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.12.2019 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.
2. The appellant is absent today. He has sent an e-mail that he cannot attend the hearing and has requested for next date of hearing. He has also stated that as per directions of Hon'ble Commission, neither he has been called by the PIO to Municipal Corporation to peruse the record nor any information has been provided to him.
3. None is present on behalf of the PIO. An e-mail dated 04.02.2020 has been received from the PIO, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar Sh. Nirmaljit Verma vide which he has expressed his inability to attend the hearing as he has to attend his personal hearing before the Director, Local Government, Punjab.
4. From the perusal of the documents available on file, it is observed that the PIO has not complied with the directions given by the Commission on the last date of hearing as he was directed to call the appellant to the office and allow him access to the relevant record to identify the information and to provide 50 pages free of cost and then additional pages at a cost of Rs.2/- per page. But he has failed to do so. The attitude of the PIO towards the directions of the Bench is viewed adversely.



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AC No.4118/2019

5. The PIO Sh.Nirmaljit Verma, Building Inspector is issued show cause notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005 to explain as to why action should not be taken against him for not abiding by the directions of the Commission to allow inspection of official records by the appellant and also not attending the hearing in person in spite of order of the Commission.

6. The PIO is advised to be present on the next hearing along with the reply to the show cause notice.

7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **02.03.2020 at 11.30 AM.**

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,
Village Bolapur Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh,
Distt. Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Local Government,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sec.9,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority-cum-,

O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Local Government,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sec.9,
Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer (Regd.)

O/o Senior Town Planner,
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab
Sector-35A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

AC No.4031/2019 along with AC No.3963 of 2019

Present: (i) Sh.Jasbir Singh, Appellant
(ii) Sh.Jaspal Singh, Supdt. O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chd.
(ii) Sh.Navrunj Singh, Fire Deptt. Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 08.01.2020 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.

2. Appeal case NO.3963/2020 has been transferred from the Bench of Hon'ble CIC to this Bench on the request of PIO. Since the information sought vide RTI application is the same, as such, both the appeal cases have been clubbed together.

3. The PIO Sh.Jaspal Singh, Supdt. O/o Director, Local Govt. comes present and produces an affidavit in reply to the show cause notice issued on the last date of hearing, which is taken on record. He also hands over a copy of the same to the Appellant, who is present.

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4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant shows his dissatisfaction over the reply. He states that the contents of his RTI application have not been understood in its true spirit and states that his main concern is to know, as to who has authorized the setting up of commercial establishments and factories in the congested residential areas and narrow streets of Ludhiana city. This is in violation of existing by-laws on the subject as it poses threat to human life and property. The same issue is raised in both the appeals cases and hence, the appellant requested that these be clubbed.

5. The appeal cases were deliberated at length. PIO seems to have no knowledge of the appeal cases and the Department to which they pertain. After deliberations, it emerges that the issue in question pertains to the Town Planning Wing of the Directorate of Local Government as well as to Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana. The PIO is handling RTI applications casually. The RTI applications are transferred from one Department to the other, without ascertaining the actual contents of the RTI application and without knowing, which of the Department/Wing is dealing with the subject. Senior Town Planner in the office of Director, Local Government, Punjab is impleaded as Respondent NO.2 in the instant appeals.

6. The PIO, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab as well as the impleaded Senior Town Planner, O/o Directorate of Local Govt., Punjab are directed to come present on the next date of hearing. The PIO, including the impleaded Respondent, are directed to make available the relevant records in the Punjab State Information Commission during the next hearing.

7. The representative of the D.C. Office, Ludhiana Shri Pardeep Bhatti, Clerk who has come present today in AC No.3963/2019 is exempted from appearance.



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AC No.4031/2019 & AC No.3963 of 2019

8. The case is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **02.03.2020 at 11.30 AM.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
05.02.2020**

**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

**CC: The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana for necessary
action.**

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o District Controller, Food, Civil
Supplies & Consumer Affairs Deptt.
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-,
O/o District Controller, Food, Civil
Supplies & Consumer Affairs Deptt.
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.3991 of 2019

Present: (i) **Sh.Jasbir Singh, Appellant**
(ii) **Ms. Amanjot Kaur, Inspector O/o District Controller, Food, Civil
Supplies & Consumer Affairs.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.01.2020 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.
 2. The appellant has come present. He states that he has not received any appropriate reply to RTI application.
 3. On behalf of the PIO/Respondent, Ms. Amanjot Kaur, Food Inspector, comes present and produces letter dated 04.02.2020 containing information to the RTI Application, which is taken on record. She also hands over a copy to the appellant.
 4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant shows his dissatisfaction over the information supplied and points out certain deficiencies regarding Points No.2 & 3. The respondent assures that observations/deficiencies pointed out will be addressed. She requests for one week's time to which the appellant agrees. The appellant gives his consent to closing the appeal case on the assurance provided by the respondent.
 5. In view of the above, **the appeal is disposed off and the case is closed.**
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Chandigarh
05.02.2020

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Versus

.....Appellant

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O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority-cum-,
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

AC No.3995 of 2019

Present: (i) Sh.Jasbir Singh, Appellant
(ii) Sh.Gurpal Singh, APIO, O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,Chd.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.01.2020 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.
 2. On behalf of the PIO/Respondent, Mr. Gurpal Singh, APIO comes present and states that the appellant has been provided with the requisite information.
 3. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant, who is present, acknowledges to having received the information to his satisfaction.
 4. In view of the above, **the appeal is disposed off and the case is closed.**
- Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
05.02.2020

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