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Shri Hardeep Singh
S/o Shri Harnam Singh
R/o Village Mandi Hazoor Singh,
PO Karni Khera,
Tehsil & District Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.)
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

O/o. Deputy Commissioner ,
Fazilka.

...Respondents

AC No.183/2022

Present:

- (i) Shri Hardeep Singh, Appellant,.
- (ii) None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 15.09.2021 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 25.10.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 06.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Hardeep Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been supplied to him so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o A.D.C. (Dev.), Fazilka has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.
4. The Bench observes that RTI application is of 15.09.2021 and First Appeal is of 25.10.2021, but in spite of a lapse of period of more than five months, the appellant has not been supplied any information. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

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5. The PIO O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), 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. The PIO O/o ADC (Dev.), Fazilka is directed to supply information to the appellant and also 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 12.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
06.04.2022**

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Shri Gurtej Singh Khattrra,
S/o Shri Bakhshish Singh Khattrra,
R/o Village Rohti Mouran, PO Vill.Rohta,
Tehsil Nabha, Distt. Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Patiala (Rural).

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer(DDPO)
Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.267/2022

Present: (i) **Shri Gurtej Singh Khattrra, Appellant- through cisco webex.**
(ii) **Shri Rampal Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat,Rohti Mouran,
Block Nabha, on behalf of the PIO/respondent, in person.**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex/in person)

1. The RTI application is dated 23.09.2021 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 23.10.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.01.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 06.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Gurtej Singh Khattrra, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been supplied to him so far.

3. Shri Rampal Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Rohti Mouran, Block Nabha, District Patiala comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has recently undergone his eye operation due to which the information could not be supplied. He requests for giving a week's time to enable him to provide the information to the appellant.

4. The Bench apprises the appellant of the version of the representative of PIO. He, however, states that he has been constantly pursuing with the Panchayat Secretary Shri Rampal Singh to get the information but could not succeed. The Bench then apprises the appellant that acceding to the request of the representative of PIO, the matter is adjourned.

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5. The Bench now directs the Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Rohti Mouran, Shri Rampal Singh that the appellant be called to his office and allowed access to the relevant official records. The information as may be identified by the appellant after inspection of records, be provided to him before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 12.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Patiala (Rural).

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer(DDPO)
Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.268/2022

Present:

- (i) **Shri Gurtej Singh Khattrra, Appellant- through cisco webex.**
- (ii) **Shri Rampal Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Rohti Mouran, Block Nabha, on behalf of the PIO/respondent, in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 23.09.2021 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 23.10.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.01.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 06.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Gurtej Singh Khattrra, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been supplied to him so far.
3. Shri Rampal Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Rohti Mouran, Block Nabha, District Patiala comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has recently undergone his eye operation due to which the information could not be supplied. He requests for giving a week's time to enable him to provide the information.
4. The Bench apprises the appellant of the version of the representative of PIO. He, however, states that he has been constantly pursuing with the Panchayat Secretary Shri Rampal Singh to get the information but could not succeed. The Bench then apprises the appellant that acceding to the request of the representative of PIO, the matter is adjourned.

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5. The Bench now directs the Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Rohti Mouran, Shri Rampal Singh that the appellant be called to his office and allowed access to the relevant official records. The information as may be identified by the appellant after inspection of records be provided to him before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 12.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Brichh Bhan,
S/o Shri Saroop Chand
R/o H.No.33, Kahangarh Road,
Patran, District Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Block Samiti, Patran,
District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Executive Officer,
Block Samiti, Patran,
District Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.168/2022

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

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 29.09.2021 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 02.11.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.01.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 06.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Brichh Bhan, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.

3. Neither the PIO O/o E.O. Block Samiti, Patran, District Patiala has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.

4. Shri Brichh Bhan, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he states that he has not received any information so far.

5. In the absence of the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter unless the version of PIO is heard. As such, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The Bench, however, directs the PIO to supply requisite information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

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6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 12.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
(PSPCL), Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

Chief Engineer, North Zone ,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
(PSPCL), Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.176/2022

Present: (i) **Shri Ajit Singh Multani, Appellant.**
(ii) **Smt. Inderjit Kaur, Superintendent, on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard through Ciso Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 27.05.2021 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 14.07.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 06.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Ajit Singh Multani, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information sought by him relates to S.E. Technical to Director/HR, PSPCL, Patiala and Deputy Secretary, Secret Gazettee, PSPCL Patiala and the information supplied to him is irrelevant and partial and he is not satisfied with the information supplied.

3. Smt. Inderjit Kaur, Superintendent, Secret Gazettee Branch, PSPCL, Patiala comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. She states that with regard to the grievance made by the appellant vide his RTI application, a committee was constituted and after receipt of its minutes of meeting, the same were put up to the competent authority for approval and it is still under consideration and that reply in this regard has been given to the appellant three times. The Bench, on perusal of the case file observes that the point-wise information has been supplied to the appellant vide letters dated 25.06.2021, 06.07.2021 and 20.08.2021 by Dy. Chief Engineer/HRD, PSPCL Patiala.

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4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant expresses his dis-satisfaction over the version of representative of PIO and states that he is especially not satisfied with the reply on point No.8 of his RTI application as there is no mention of his name in the proceedings of meeting of committee so constituted.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIOs concerned to send point-wise reply again to the appellant, particularly addressing his grievance raised in point No.8 of RTI application, before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 13.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Veeru Singh,
S/o Shri Dholla Singh,
Village Ladhuka,
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

..... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o APO MAGNREGA,
Jalalabad (East).

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Block Development &
Panchayat Department (BDPO),
Jalalabad (East).

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 190 of 2022

Present:- (i) **Shri Veeru Singh, appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Harpreet Singh, APO, MGNREGA O/o BDPO Jalalabad (West)**
District Fazilka.

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 05.10.2021 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 30.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 06.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Veeru Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Harpreet Singh, APO, O/o BDPO, Jalalabad (West), District Fazilka also comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has supplied information to the appellant by registered post on 04.04.2022 and has also sent the same on WhatsApp number of the appellant.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he is not satisfied with the information as the same is not as per his RTI application.
5. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records and supply information to the appellant as may be identified by him before the next hearing as also to ensure to come present in person on the next hearing.

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5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 12.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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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.763 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Manohar Singh, Executive Officer/PIO, M.C. Mullanpur Dakha.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant comes present for the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has received partial information and is not satisfied with the information supplied.
3. Shri Manohar Singh, Executive Officer/PIO, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 17.03.2022 and an affidavit has also been filed.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that the letter dated 17.03.2022 has not been delivered to him at all and balance information is still pending.
5. After hearing the version of PIO and the appellant, the Bench observes that unless complete information is supplied, the filing of affidavit is of no consequence. The Bench also observes that the directions of the Bench still remain to be complied with. As such, the Bench gives another chance to the PIO to supply complete information to the appellant as also to file a fresh affidavit, as directed during the previous



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hearings. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing along with the original affidavit and copy of the information supplied. The appellant is also requested to come present in person before the Bench.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 13.07.2022 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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Municipal Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.634 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Manohar Singh, Executive Officer/PIO, M.C. Mullanpur Dakha.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant comes present for the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has received partial information and is not satisfied with the information supplied.
3. Shri Manohar Singh, Executive Officer/PIO, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 17.03.2022 and an affidavit has also been filed.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that the letter dated 17.03.2022 has not been delivered to him at all and the balance information is still pending.
5. After hearing the version of PIO and the appellant, the Bench observes that unless complete information is supplied, the filing of affidavit is of no consequence. The Bench also observes that the directions of the Bench still remain to be complied with. As such, the Bench gives another chance to the PIO to supply complete information to the appellant as also to file a fresh affidavit, as directed during the previous



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hearings. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing along with the original affidavit and copy of the information supplied. The appellant is also requested to come present in person before the Bench.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 13.07.2022 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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06.04.2022**

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