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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
Whistle Blower, Social Worker,
Distt.President, Ludhiana NCAG
H.No.60-35-P-376-1, Street No.8
Maha Singh Nagar, PO Dhandri Kalan,
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2342 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal**, on behalf of the **Appellant. (cisco webex)**
(ii) **Shri Manpreet Singh, Superintendent and Shri Tarun, Clerk,**
O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent (in person)

ORDER:

(Heard Through Cisco Webex/in person)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.05.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gurmej Lal on behalf of the appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Manpreet Singh, Superintendent O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Shri Manpreet Singh, Superintendent O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana, produces before the Bench copy of letter dated 06.07.2022 stating therein that the RTI application of the appellant was transferred to District Town Planner, Ludhiana as the asked for information relates to their office.
4. The PIO O/o the District Town Planner, Ludhiana is impleaded as Respondent No.2 and he is directed to supply information, duly attested, by registered post within 15 days of the receipt of this order. He is further directed to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.

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Appeal Case No.2342 of 2021

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 30.08.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
07.07.2022**

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

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Shri Jagjit Singh,(RTI Activist),
R/o Aman Nagar,Street No.3
Backside GreenLand School,
Near Jalandhar By-pass,
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Greater Ludhiana Area
Development Authority(GLADA),
Ludhiana.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2257 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Jagjit Singh, absent.**
(ii) **Shri Manpreet Singh, Superintendent and Shri Tarun, Clerk,**
O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent in person

ORDER:

(Heard Through Cisco Webex/in person)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.05.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jagjit Singh, appellant has neither come present to attend the hearing in person nor through cisco webex.
3. Shri Manpreet Singh, Superintendent O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He produces before the bench copy of information in the court vide letter dated 06.07.2022 which is taken on record. As the appellant is absent for hearing in person orthrough Cisco Webex, the respondent is directed to send the information to appellant by registered post.
4. The PIO is directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper within 21 days duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.2257/2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit along with copy of the same be brought along and produced before the Bench on the next hearing.



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Appeal Case No.2257 of 2021

4. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 30.08.2022 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 Trilochan Singh
S/o Late Shri Gurbachan Singh
R/o 848-A, MIG Flats,
Jamalpur Colony,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

AC No.2443 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh on behalf of the appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO, O/o R.T.A. Ferozepur.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.05.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office. Shri Tejinder Singh comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the appellant. He states that the information has not been supplied to the appellant and the directions of the Hon'ble Bench still remained un-complied with.
3. Neither the PIO 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 the PIO was issued show cause notice on 15.06.2021 and a direction was also given to file an affidavit after supplying complete information to the appellant. But neither the PIO has filed reply to the show cause notice nor has supplied information to the appellant and the things still remain the same. The PIO has also not come present in person before the Bench and thus, has not complied with the directions of the Bench.
5. The PIO is again absent. It is strange that despite the issue of a Show Cause Notice to him on 16.05.2022 he is defying the orders of the Bench. It transpires that the PIO has neither supplied the

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information to the appellant nor file an affidavit in reply to the show cause notice till date. It is clear that he does not have any respect for the statutory institution and taking the Commission orders in a casual manner. The Commission cannot take it lying down and the matter has to be taken to a logic end and to secure the presence of the PIO, I exercising powers under Section 18(3)(a) of the RTI Act, a bailable warrant is issued to PIO O/o the Secretary, RTA, Ferozepur, with direction to the SSP, Ferozepur, to serve it on PIO O/o the Secretary, RTA, Ferozepur to come present in person before the Bench on 30.08.2022 at 11.30AM along with the copy of information as per RTI application of the appellant.

6. The Bench observes that the PIO has not deposited the penalty of Rs.5000/- (Rupees five thousand only). The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.5,000/- from the salary of the PIO and deposit the same in State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

- 0070-Other Administrative Services – 60-Other Services-

-0800-Other Receipts- 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005.

The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is further directed to deduct amount of Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only), deposit the same in State Treasury and e.mail challan copy to Bench for record.

7. The PIO is again directed to supply complete information to the appellant and file reply to the Show Cause Notice as also produce evidence for having deposited the penalty in the State Treasury, before the next date of hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 30.08.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
07.07.2022**

**Sd/-
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In case: Sh. Tirlochan Singh Vs. Public Information Officer O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2443 of 2020

UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005

Next Date of Hearing: **30.08.2022**

To

**The Senior Superintendent of Police,
FEROZEPUR.**

Whereas the PIO O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur has failed to appear before the State Information Commissioner, Punjab, despite the issuance of notices/summons in the above mentioned appeal case. Therefore, you are hereby directed to serve this bailable warrant on the PIO O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur, to appear in person before the undersigned Bench at Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh on **30.08.2022 at 11:30 AM.**

Sd/-

**Chandigarh
07.07.2022**

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

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Shri Jagjit Singh (RTI Activist)
R/o Aman Nagar, Street No.3,
Backside Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar By-Pass,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

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

...Respondents

AC No.2125/2021

PRESENT : (i) None for the Appellant.
(ii) Shri Manpreet Singh, Superintendent Shri Tarun, Clerk O/o GLADA, Ludhiana,
on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER:

(Heard in person/on phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 08.06.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jagjit Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench through cisco webex. He is contacted on his mobile and states that the PIO has supplied incomplete information.
3. Shri Manpreet Singh, Superintendent O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana comes present in person to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO and reiterates that the information on points relating to GLADA has been supplied to the appellant vide letters dated 17.12.2021 and 31.05.2022. He further states that certain points of the RTI application of the appellant relate to the Municipal Corporation, as such, the appellant is required to file separate RTI application accordingly to the said office as Municipal Corporation has a different PIO.
4. The appellant is again advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the supplied information. The PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies, if any, pointed out by the appellant and supply rectified information to the appellant by registered post and to produce postal receipt along with the copy of information supplied, before the Bench on the next hearing.



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AC No.2125/2021

5. Post deliberations, the PIO is also directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.2125/2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. The PIO is directed to come present in person for hearing before the Bench along with the affidavit and copy of rectified information supplied.

6. With the aforesaid orders, the **matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 30.08.2022 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 Vikas Chander Sharma, Advocate
Chamber No.10-A, District Courts,
Opposite Gyani Tea Stall, Amritsar

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Town Planner,
MC, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Amritsar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2312/2022

Present: (i) None on behalf of Appellant
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/respondent, in person.

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 02.11.2021 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 19.01.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.07.2022 at 11.30 AM. The appellant is absent for hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO attends the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor has deputed any other official to attend the hearing on his behalf nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously.
4. The PIO O/o Municipal Town Planner, MC, Amritsar is issued a show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should be taken against him in the instant case. 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 written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the position 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.

6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **30.08.2022 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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Versus

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Town Planner,
MC, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Amritsar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2313/2022

Present: (i) None on behalf of Appellant
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/respondent, in person.

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 18.11.2021 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 19.01.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.07.2022 at 11.30 AM. The appellant is absent for hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO attends the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor has deputed any other official to attend the hearing on his behalf nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously.
4. The PIO O/o Municipal Town Planner, MC, Amritsar is issued a show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should be taken against him in the instant case. 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 written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the position 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.

6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **30.08.2022 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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07.07.2022**

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.....Appellant

Versus

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O/o Municipal Town Planner,
MC, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
MC, Amritsar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2314/2022

Present: (i) None on behalf of Appellant
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/respondent, in person.

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 18.11.2021 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 19.01.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.07.2022 at 11.30 AM. The appellant is absent for hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO attends the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor has deputed any other official to attend the hearing on his behalf nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously.
4. The PIO O/o Municipal Town Planner, MC, Amritsar is issued a show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should be taken against him in the instant case. 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 written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the position 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.

6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **30.08.2022 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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Opposite Gyani Tea Stall, Amritsar

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Town Planner,
MC, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Amritsar.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2315/2022

Present: (i) None on behalf of Appellant
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/respondent, in person.

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 18.11.2021 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 19.01.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 07.07.2022 at 11.30 AM. The appellant is absent for hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO attends the hearing in person nor through cisco webex nor has deputed any other official to attend the hearing on his behalf nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously.
4. The PIO O/o Municipal Town Planner, MC, Amritsar is issued a show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should be taken against him in the instant case. 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 written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the position 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.

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07.07.2022**

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