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Shri Shakti Bhushan
S/o Shri Kewal Krishan Kaushal
R/o Street Bhaini Sahib,
Ward No.8, Dhanaula,
District Barnala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Motor Vehicle Registration
Authority, Ferozepur.

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

....Respondents

AC No.1098 of 2020

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

ORDER

(Heard on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.12.2021 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. The appellant Shri Shakti Bhushan has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ferozepur has come present to attend hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing.
4. Shri Shakti Bhushan, appellant is contacted on mobile phone and on the asking of the Bench, he states that the copies of Forms No.21 and 22, have not been supplied to him though he was assured by the PIO to make available the same.
5. The Bench observes that this is the sixth hearing in this case. During the hearings held on 19.10.2020, 15.03.2021 & 23.06.2021, none had appeared on behalf of the PIO. Thereafter, on 14.09.2021 and 15.12.2021, representatives of the PIO had attended the hearing.

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AC No.1098/2020

However, in spite of directions of the Bench, the orders of Commission still remain un-complied with as neither the balance information has been supplied to the appellant nor the fresh affidavit has been filed. The attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

6. The PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ferozepur, 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 her in getting the information.

7. 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.

8. The PIO is directed to ensure to supply balance information to the appellant before the next hearing as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
08.03.2022**

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Shri Surjit Singh,
S/o Shri Kaku Singh,
R/o Village Gagan Ke,
Tehsil & Distt:Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Fazilka.

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO)
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Fazilka.

....Respondents

AC No. 741 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Surjit Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Sandeep Kumar, APO MGNREGA, O/o BDPO Fazilka,
on behalf of the PIO/ respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.12.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Surjit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Sandeep Kumar, APO MGNREGA, O/o BDPO Fazilka, comes present to attend the hearing, on behalf of the PIO/ respondent, through cisco webex. He states that the concerned Gram Rozgar Sewak might have supplied information to the appellant. He is unable to tell as to when the information has been supplied. It implies that representative of PIO has come present to attend the hearing without ascertaining the facts of the case.
4. Due to problem in connectivity through cisco webex, the appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has been supplied incomplete and partial information and he is not satisfied with the information provided to him and that he has also not been provided affidavit as directed by the Hon'ble Commission.

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AC No.741/2021

5. Post deliberations, the PIO O/o BDOP Fazilka is again directed to call the appellant to his office before the next hearing and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will inspect the relevant official records of MANREGA scheme and identify the information he needs. The PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant so identified by him before next hearing.

6. After supplying information, the PIO is also directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper as per directions given on the previous hearing. He is further directed to ensure to come present in person bringing along the relevant record along with the information supplied, the original affidavit and a photocopy of the same and produce before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
07.03.2022**

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Shri Sat Pall Sharma,
S/o Shri Gian Chand Sharma,
No.3623, Street No.1,
Durga Puri, Haibowal Kalan,
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.662 of 2021

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

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.12.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case was scheduled to be heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The appellant Shri Sat Pall Sharma has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. However, an e.mail dated 08.03.2022 has been received from him stating that he is busy with the election and as such, requests for another date. He also states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

3. The PIO has also not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco wbeex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.

4. Acceding to the request of the appellant as also in the absence of the PIO, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The PIO is, however, directed to comply with the directions given by the Bench during the previous hearings and also to ensure to come present before the Bench on the next hearing.

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AC No.662 of 2021

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
08.03.2022**

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Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kendra,
Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-
O/o Municipal Town Planner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

Public Information Officer-cum-
O/o Commissioner,
O/o Municipal Town Planner,
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No.407 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.12.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Tejinder Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been received by him so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO was also not present during the hearings dated 05.04.2021, 20.09.2021 and 21.12.2021. As such, a show cause notice was issued to which no reply has been filed by the PIO. The Bench imposed a penalty of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) upon PIO/Municipal Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar but the same has not been deposited by the PIO. The Bench views the absence of the PIO as well as the non-compliance of orders of the Bench adversely.



5. The PIO is again directed to supply complete information to the appellant and comply with the directions of the Bench in totality. The PIO is further directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
08.03.2022

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Municipal Corporation,Amritsar.

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Shri Veeru Singh,
S/o Shri Dolla Singh,
Village Ladhuka,
Tehsil & Distirct Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Jalalabad, District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Jalalabad, District Fazilka.

...Respondents

AC No.4068/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Veeru Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Charanjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Ldhuka, Block Jalalabad, District Fazilka.**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This is with reference to the order dated 21.12.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Veeru Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Charanjit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Ldhuka, Block Jalalabad, District Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information comprising 240 pages has been supplied to the appellant vide letter 17.01.2022 by registered post.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that though he has deposited fee of Rs.1360/- as demanded by the PIO, but he has been supplied only 240 pages which is incomplete and he is not satisfied with the same. He also states that he has pointed out deficiencies vide his letter 28.02.2022 to the Hon'ble Commission.

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AC No.4068/2021

5. On enquiring from the PIO Shri Charanjit Singh, he states that similar information had been sought by the appellant in another Appeal Case No.1230/2021 which is pending with Hon'ble Chief Commissioner.

6. Hearing the version of the PIO Shri Charanjit Singh, the BDPO Jalalabad is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to all the relevant official records and supply the information to the appellant as may be identified by him, before the next hearing. The PIO Gram Panchayat, Ladhuka is directed to ensure supply of the information and to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing. He is also directed to return the amount charged from the appellant in excess of the fee for provision of information.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
08.03.2022**

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Shri Jasveer Singh,
S/o Shri Joginder Singh,
Village Megha Panj Grain Hithar,
Tehsil Guruharsahai,
District Ferozepur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Director, Rural Development and
Panchayat Department, Punjab,
Punjab, Mohali.

...Respondents

AC No.4065/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Jasveer Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Chanda Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO, Gurharsahai,
District Ferozepur, on behalf of PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.12.2021 passed by this Bench during the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Jasveer Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. A letter dated 04.03.2022 is available in the case file received from BDPO Guruharsahai stating that he has been deputed in election duty and Shri Chanda Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO, Gurharsahai, District Ferozepur, will attend the hearing. Shri Chanda Singh comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the PIO. He states that the appellant had asked for similar information many times during the past and he has been supplied this information.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that the information supplied is not as per his RTI application and he is not satisfied with the information supplied.

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AC No.4065/2021

5. Post deliberations, the PIO O/o BDPO Guruharsahai is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to all the relevant official records and supply the information to the appellant as may be identified by him, before the next hearing. The PIO Gram Panchayat, Megha Panjgrain Hithar, District Ferozpur is directed to ensure supply of the information and to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing. He assures to do the needful.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Sandeep Kumar, Advocate
Chamber No.182, Block-C,
District Courts, Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Deputy Secretary (RTI Cell),
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
(PSPCL), Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Chief Engineer, Technical Audit & Inspection,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
(PSPCL), Patiala.

....Respondents

AC No.4067/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Dinesh Mahajan on behalf of Shri Sandeep Kumar, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **Shri Dharamvir Kamal, Sr.XEN, Technical Audit –I & Inspection, PSPCL, Patiala, on behalf of PIO, in person.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.12.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Dinesh Mahajan, comes present to attend the hearing in person on behalf of the appellant.
3. Shri Dharamvir Kamal, Sr.XEN, Technical Audit –I & Inspection, PSPCL, Patiala, comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO and produces authority letter in this regard. He states that the information sought by the appellant relates to three different branches who have supplied information to the appellant, as mentioned in letter dated 14.02.2021 of S.E. (Elect.), PSPCL, Patiala, vide letters 05.04.2021, 23.04.2021 and 09.04.2021. He states that there are two complaints against one Shri Gagan Bhaskar mentioned in the RTI application, and enquiry into the same has been conducted. He assures to supply requisite information to the appellant.

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AC No.4067/2021

4. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of appellant states that the information has been asked for in respect of the said Shri Gagan Bhaskar as a number of complaints have been filed against him with regard to the corruption cases. In spite of enquiries pending against him, he has been posted on the seats having public dealing. He further states that in spite of complaints, the said person manages his posting at the place of his choice and no action is taken against him. The appellant has sought this information in the public interest.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench observes that in spite of lapse of more than two months from the previous order, the information has not been supplied to the appellant. The Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspecting the records, will identify the information as required by him and the same will be provided to the appellant by the PIO duly attested before the next hearing.

6. 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.4067/2021 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 be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.05.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
08.03.2022**

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Ms. Kadambini, Advocate
#4125, Abohar Road,
Sri Muktsar Sahib..

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Addl. Dy. Commissioner
Urban Development,
Sri Muktsar Sahib

....Respondents

AC No.127/2022

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

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 12.03.2021 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 26.02.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.03.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Ms. Kadambini, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex.

3. Neither the PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sri Muktsar Sahib 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. However, an e.mail dated 07.03.2022 has been received from the PIO stating that as he has been deputed in election duty, as such, he is unable to attend the hearing today and has requested for giving another date.

4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter and deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter.

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AC No.127/2022

5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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