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Sh. Bhushan Jain, (8146300392) S/o Sh. Rajinder Kumar Jain, House No 392, Street No 3, Nirmal Nagar, Dugri, Ludhiana. Versus

.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

Public Information Officer O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority O/o Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

> Appeal Case No.332, 333, and 336 of 2021 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present: Appellant: **Sh. Bhushan Jain** Respondent: Absent

ORDER: (FOURTH HEARING)

- To be read in the continuity of previous order dated 09.06.2021 vide which the appellant was advised to point out deficiencies in the information so supplied by the respondent authority in written and send to the respondent authority and a copy to the Commission, but the appellant has sent the copy of discrepancies only to the Commission not to the respondent PIO.
- In the view of above the appellant is again advised/ordered to comply with previous order of the commission properly and send the copy of deficiencies so pointed out in the in the information so supplied by the respondent authority within 05 days from the issue of this order.
- 3. While the respondent PIO, is hereby directed to make good of deficiencies pointed out by the appellant within 10 days from the receipt of the correspondence (i.e. discrepancies) under intimation to the commission. In case the partial information is not available in the office record then an undertaking/affidavit may be filled in this regard to the appellant with a copy to the Commission without fail.
- 4. To come up on 10.11.2021 through Cisco Webex at 11:00 am. {Steps: Install Cisco Webex < Click on Join Meeting< Write Meeting No. – 1581884645} Sd/-Chandigarh (Maninder Singh Patti)

Dated: 09.08.2021

State Information Commissioner, Pb

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Appeal Case No. 343 of 2021 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present: Appellant: **Sh. Bhushan Jain** Respondent: Dr. Ramandeep Kaur (9872017466)

ORDER: (FOURTH HEARING)

- 1. To be read in the continuity of previous order dated 09.06.2021.
- 2. Appellant, Sh. Bhushan Jain stated that no information has been provided in this case.
- 3. Respondent PIO is absent.
- 4. The Commission offers the respondent PIO (DMC Ludhiana) another opportunity to furnish the information/reply requested by the appellant without fail, before the next date of hearing.

5. To come up on **10.11.2021** through **Cisco Webex** at **11:00 am**. {**Steps: Install Cisco Webex < Click on Join Meeting< Write Meeting No. – 1581884645**}

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Sh. Jatinder Kumar, (9872324111) C/o SachkhandMishthanBhandhar,

C/o SachkhandMishthanBhandhar, Nehru Gate, Nawanshahr.

Versus

.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

Public Information Officer O/o EO, Nagar Council, Nawanshahar.

First Appellate Authority O/o cum Regional Deputy Director, Local Govt, Jalandhar.

Appeal Case No.162, 163, 164 and 165 of 2021 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present: Appellant: Sh. Jatinder Kumar Respondent: Sh. Harsh Kumar

ORDER: (FOURTH HEARING)

- To be read in the continuity of previous order dated 09.06.2021 vide which the appellant was advised to deposit the additional fee amounting Rs.10,000, along with the directions to respondent PIO to Provide an opportunity to the appellant to see the relevant records and identify the record for getting copies thereof and provide copies of identified records. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today.
- Appellant, Sh. Jatinder Kumar stated that with the compliance of the commission's order dated he has deposited the requisite fees (Rs.10,000) but the respondent authority neither offered him record inspection nor has furnished any information pertaining to his RTI application.
- Respondent, Sh. Harsh Kumar pleaded that the concerned person of this case who holds the records is on medical leave that is why the information has not been furnished. He further assured the Commission that he will provide the requisite information to the appellant within this week.
- 4. The Commission observes that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI applications. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the Respondent in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that the conduct of Respondent was against the spirit of the RTI Act, 2005 which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information timely.

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- 5. The PIO is however, cautioned to exercise due care in future to ensure that correct and complete information is furnished timely to the RTI applicant(s) as per provisions of the Act failing which penal proceedings under Section 20 shall be initiated.
- The Commission also instructs the Respondent Public Authority to convene periodic conferences/seminars to sensitize, familiarize and educate the concerned officials about the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 for effective discharge of its duties and responsibilities.
- 7. To come up on 10.11.2021 through Cisco Webex at 11:00 am. {Steps: Install Cisco Webex < Click on Join Meeting< Write Meeting No. – 1581884645}

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