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Shri Mahinder Singh,
S/o Shri Ujjagar Singh,
R/o Village Khan Piara,
Block Dhariwal, Distt. Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/ o Block Dev. and Panchayat Officer,
Dhariwal, Distt. Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority:

O/o Distt. Dev. and Panchayat Officer,
Gurdaspur.

---- Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2661 of 2021

Present:- (i) Appellant – absent.
(ii) Shri Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent O/o BDPO Dhariwal (Gurdaspur)
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- cisco webex.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Mahinder Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent O/o BDPO, Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that information has been supplied to the appellant and certain information is left which will be sent to the appellant shortly.
4. The Bench apprises Shri Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent O/o BDPO, Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur that though the PIO was directed to supply complete information as also to pay compensation to the appellant. During the hearing on 31.08.2022, the directions given by the Bench regarding the supply of complete information, filing of reply to the show cause notice and to pay compensation of Rs.5000/- to the appellant, have still not been complied with. As such, the PIO is directed to ensure compliance of the directions of the Bench in its entirety. He is also directed to ensure to come present in person before the Bench, failing which the Bench will be constrained to impose penalty on the PIO.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.12.2022 at 11:30 am in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Tarun Wadhwa,
S/o Shri Vijay Kumar
R/o D/1598, Chawla Street,
Adarsh Nagar,
Tehsil & District Fazilka-152123.

..... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Fazilka.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2088 of 2022

Present:- (i) **Shri Tarun Wadhwa, Appellant- cisco webex.**
(ii) **Shri Narinder Singh Bajwa, Naib Tehsildar/APIO and Shri Diamond, Clerk,
Office of Tehsildar, Fazilka, on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Tarun Wadhwa, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has not received complete information and reiterates his version made during the previous hearings.
3. Shri Narinder Singh Bajwa, Naib Tehsildar and Shri Diamond, Clerk O/o Tehsildar, Fazilka come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. Shri Narinder Singh, Naib Tehsildar states that the information sought by the appellant from 2017 till date is voluminous and it may run into approximately 5500 pages per year and about 4-5 lacs in total.
4. The Bench is in agreement with the version of the respondent and observes that it seems to be humanly impossible to cull out such a voluminous information from the official records and provide to the appellant and also apprises the appellant of the observations of the Bench in this regard.
5. Post deliberations, the PIO are directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant after inspection of the records, will identify the information and the same will be provided to him by the PIO before the next hearing. The appellant during deliberations requests for allowing him to do videography at the time of inspection of records, which is turned down, being irrelevant in this context.

6. The Bench again directs the PIO O/o Tehsildar, Fazilka to file reply to the show cause notice as also to ensure to come present in person for the next hearing. The appellant is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.12.2022 at 11:30 am in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Maninder Singh Patti,
S/o Late Shri Kashmir Singh,
5550, Sector:38 West, Chandigarh.
Mobile No: 9815995599.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o PSPCL,
Sub Urban Circle, Border Zone,
Amritsar.

...Respondent

CC No. 491 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Maninder Singh Patti, Complainant –in person.**
(ii) **Shri Ravinderpal Singh, Revenue Accountant, South Sub Division,
PSPCL, Amritsar(9646811233) in person.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 23.08.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. The complainant comes present in person to attend the hearing.
3. Shri Ravinderpal Singh, Revenue Accountant, South Sub Division O/o PSPCL, Amritsar comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and produces before the Bench authority letter to attend the hearing. He also produces before the Bench letter dated 07.11.2022 with reference to the letter dated 07.10.2022 produced before the Bench during previous hearing, stating that as per Entry No.19768 in Connection Service Register, temporary connection No.T-180 was applied for on 16.04.1999 and was released on 30.04.1999 and further, in the year 2017, Permanent Connection No.3004714441 with 25 KW load was got installed. However, on examining the record regarding temporary connection, a Manual Ledger relating to the year 2008 was traced out which starts from Account No.T-1384 and Account No.T-180 does not exist in the said ledger, from which it is evident that the said connection was rendered PDCO before 2008 and any entry prior to the year 2008 does not exist in Temporary Manual Ledger.
4. The complainant, however, contends the version of respondents and states that he had suffered due to continuation of temporary connection resulting in levy of penalty charges on this account. On the asking of the Bench, the respondent states that as per Clause 8.1.4 of the Electricity Supply Instruction Manual-2018, the temporary connection can continue upto 2-3 years only and not beyond that. Then the



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Complaint Case No.491 of 2022

Complainant asks for the copy of instruction manual and the respondents produces relevant copy of the same before the Bench after getting it on his WhatsApp number from the office of PIO. The same is handed over to the complainant. The complainant, however, quotes examples where the temporary connection has continued for years together.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, within 21 (twenty one) 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 CC No.491/2022 has been supplied to the complainant. Complete details of the Temporary Connection T-180 and the relevant provision under Clause 8.1.4 of the Electricity Supply Instruction Manual-2018, regarding temporary connection's validity period, be also incorporated in the affidavit. The original affidavit along with its copy be brought along and produced before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 07.12.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
09.11.2022**

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Shri Kuldip Singh,
H.No.2085, Block-C,
Sector-89, Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Deputy Chief Engineer,
Distribution Division, PSPCL,
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Chief Engineer,
South Zone, PSCPL,
Patiala.

....Respondents

CC No. 230 of 2022 converted into AC No. 230 of 2022

Present: (i) Shri Kuldip Singh, Appellant in person.
(ii) None is present from the Department.

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 04.02.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.04.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The aforesaid complaint/appeal case was remanded back by this bench to First Appellate Authority i.e. Chief Engineer, South Zone, PSCPL, Patiala vide order dated 30.06.2022. But the appellant vide letter dated 03.10.2022 has expressed dis-satisfaction over the hearing given to him by the First Appellate Authority as his grievance has not been redressed, as such, this request of appellant is treated as Second Appeal.

3. Acceding to the request of appellant, the complaint case been converted into appeal case. Accordingly, the notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.11.2022. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh.

4. The Appellant Shri Kuldip Singh comes present in person before the Bench and states that in compliance with the orders of Hon'ble Commission, he was called by the First Appellate Authority and was asked to file fresh application with the Nodal Officer. But he has been given reply vide various letters only stating that the information sought is third party information, whereas he has sought information on his complaint regarding shifting of Pillar Box containing electricity meters installed besides the wall of his house.

5. The Bench, on hearing the version of the appellant, does not agree with the contention of the respondents and observes that neither the PIO has supplied information to the appellant point-wise nor has come present in person before the Bench. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

6. The PIO O/o Deputy Chief Engineer, Distribution Circle, PSPCL, Mohali 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.

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 supply complete information to the appellant and also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing, failing which, the Bench will be constrained to issue bailable warrant to ensure his presence before the Bench.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **07.12.2022** **at 11.30 AM** in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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09.11.2022

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Ms. Harpreet Kaur
D/o Shri Gurdev Singh,
VPO Mahesari,
Tehsil & District Moga.
M. 8054651149.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o District Revenue Officer,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Addl.Dy.Commissioner(General),
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Respondents

AC No.4533 of 2022

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

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 04.07.2022 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 08.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.09.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Ms. Harpreet Kaur, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor any intimation has been received from her.

3. The PIO O/o District Revenue Officer, Sri Muktsar Sahib has also not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex nor any intimation has been received from the PIO to this effect.

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. As the PIO was absent during the previous hearing also, the Bench directs the PIO to supply complete information to the appellant as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.12.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Mandeep Singh
S/o Shri Rattan Singh
R/o Village Devi Nagar,
Tehsil Dera Bassi,
District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.4513 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Mandeep Singh, Appellant- in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 25.05.2022 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 16.07.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.09.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Mandeep Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has received information from the PIO, except the clarification which was given by the Executive Officer, Zirakpur Shri Rajesh Kumar on three points contained in letter No.38879/21 dated 17.09.2020 issued to Shri Rajesh Kumar by the office of Director, Local Govt., Punjab. Rather, he has been denied information, being personal information, under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.

3. The Bench, on hearing the version of the appellant, observes that departmental enquiry was conducted against the above said Rajesh Kumar. As such, the clarification given by him in pursuance of letter dated 17.09.2020 of the Directorate of Local Govt., Punjab be provided to the appellant.

4. The PIO O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab (Establishment Branch), Chandigarh 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 complete 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.

5. 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.

6. The PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing, failing which, penal consequences shall follow.

7. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.12.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
09.11.2022**

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Shri Harsh S/o Shri Anil Kumar Kukreja,
H.No.4074-E, Block Aero City,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)-140603.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Estate Officer,
GMADA, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Administrator,
GMADA, Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No.4496 of 2022

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Gurwinder Singh, AEO/ PIO, GMADA, Mohali- cisco webex.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 31.05.2022 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 02.07.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.09.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Harsh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor any intimation has been received from her.
3. Shri Gurwinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer/PIO, GMADA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that the information cannot be given to the appellant as sought by him, being in question form and relating to the futuristic planning of GMADA.
4. Though the Bench agrees with the contention of the PIO, however, directs the PIO to give point wise reply to the appellant before the next hearing as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.
5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.12.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Balbir Aggarwal,
#1525/1, Street 33,
Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Administrator,
GLADA, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Administrator,
GLADA, Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No.4483 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Ajay Sharma, on behalf of the Appellant- cisco webex.**
(ii) **Shri Divleen Singh, SDO/ PIO, and Shri Sumit Kumar, Sr. Assistant,
O/o GLADA, Ludhiana-in person.**

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 02.05.2022 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 16.06.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.09.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ajay Sharma, comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant through cisco webex. He states that no information has been supplied to the appellant yet.
3. Shri Divleen Singh, SDO/ PIO, and Shri Sumit Kumar, Senior Assistant O/o GLADA, Ludhiana come to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. The PIO states that the information is yet to be supplied to the appellant and requests for some additional time to enable him to provide information to the appellant. The representative of the appellant is apprised of the same.
4. The request of the PIO is acceded to. He is directed to ensure to supply information to the appellant before the next hearing as also to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.
5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.12.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
09.11.2022**

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Shri Lajpat Rai Garg
S/o Shri Harbans Lal
R/o Romana Street, Jaito,
Tehsil Jaito, Distt. Faridkot.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

Superintendent, Establishment Branch
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.2719 of 2022

Present:

- (i) **Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, Appellant- in person.**
- (ii) **Shri Jasbir Singh, Local Govt.-3 Branch, O/o Addl. Chief Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.**
- (iii) **Shri Rajiv Saggar, Superintendent, and Shri Navdeep Sharma, Vigilance Officer, Vigilance Cell O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh – in person.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant comes present in person before the Bench. He states that he had visited the office of PIO, Local Govt.-3 Branch and concerned Branches of Director, Local Govt., but he has not been allowed inspection of records.
3. Shri Jasbir Singh, Superintendent, Local Govt.-3 Branch, O/o Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant has sought action taken report on a complaint dated 17.09.2021 made by him and the matter relates to the PIO/Superintendent, Establishment Branch and Chief Vigilance Officer O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab.
4. During the previous hearing, the PIO/Superintendent, Establishment O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab was impleaded as respondent No.2 and directed to call the appellant to office and allow him access to the relevant official records and supply information to the appellant as is identified by him after inspection of records. However, the PIO Establishment Branch has failed to come present in person before the Bench as also to comply with the directions of the Bench.

5. The PIO/ Superintendent, Establishment Branch O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab 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. The PIO 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. Shri Rajiv Sagar, Superintendent, Vigilance Cell also comes present in person before the Bench and states that some points of RTI application relate to Vigilance Cell as stated during the hearing on 13.09.2022. However, the RTI application has not been made available due to which the information could not be supplied. He states that he has also requested for making available a copy of the RTI application to the PIO/Superintendent, Local Government-3 vide letter dated 14.10.2022.. As such, he is directed to provide a copy of the RTI application to Vigilance Cell of the office of Director, Local Govt., Punjab and on receipt of the same, the PIO Vigilance Cell will ensure to provide information to the appellant on points relating to Vigilance Cell.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.12.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
09.11.2022

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Tehsil Jaito, Distt. Faridkot.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Addl. Chief Secretary,
Local Government, Punjab,
Chandigarh(Local Govt.-3 Branch)

Public Information Officer,

Chief Vigilance Officer,
O/o Directorate of Local Government,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Addl. Chief Secretary,
Local Government, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.2718 of 2022

Present:

- (i) Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, Appellant- in person.
- (ii) Shri Jasbir Singh, Superintendent, Local Govt.-3 Branch O/o Addl.Chief Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.
- (iii) Shri Rajiv Sagar, Superintendent, Vigilance Cell, O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab- in person.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant comes present in person before the Bench. He states that he has not been supplied any information so far.
3. Shri Jasbir Singh, Superintendent, Local Govt.-3 Branch, O/o Addl. Chief Secretary, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that Shri Manoj Kumar, Senior Assistant had given wrong statement that the matter regarding which information has been sought relates to another Senior Assistant Shri Akhtar Hussain and this matter relates to him only.
4. Shri Rajiv Sagar, Superintendent, Vigilance Cell O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab comes present in person before the Bench that as RTI application is not available with him, he has sought copy of the same from the PIO/Superintendent, Local Govt.-3 Branch vide letter dated 14.10.2022.

4. The appellant, however, contends that the matter does not relate to the Vigilance Cell of Director, Local Govt., rather he has sought information on a letter of Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab and that it is not concerned with the Chief Vigilance Officer of the office of Director, Local Government, Punjab.

5. The PIO/Superintendent, Local Government-3 Branch O/o Addl. Chief Secretary, Local Government, Punjab is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. Point-wise information as may be identified by the appellant after inspection of records be provided to him before the next hearing.

6. As stated by the appellant, the PIO O/o Chief Vigilance Officer in the Directorate of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh is exempted from appearance in the further proceedings of the appeal case.

7. Both the PIO Local Govt.-3 Branch is also directed 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 07.12.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
09.11.2022

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

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