



Shri Kesar Singh,
S/o Shri Bachan Singh,
R/o Village Badgujran,
Tehsil Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant.

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat,
Tura, Block Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o BDPO, Amloh,
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4030 of 2020

Present:- (i) **Shri Kesar Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex.**
(ii) **None present on behalf of the respondent.**

ORDER

The present appeal was earlier allocated to the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler. However since the Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned vide Office Order dated 03.01.2022.

1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 22.12.2021 passed by the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler on the previous hearing.

2. Shri Kesar Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex to attend the hearing and states that in compliance to the Order dated 22.12.2021, he has pointed out the deficiencies to the PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, but he has not been provided the remaining information till date. He further states that he has even tried to contact the concerned Panchayat Secretary through phone, but his phone was switched off.

3. Mr. Khushwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Tura, Block Amloh has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through CISCO Webex nor he has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing. Moreover

during the course of hearing when contacted on phone, his phone was found to be busy. The PIO has neither sent any reply to the Show Cause Notice as was directed vide Order dated 22.12.2021.

4. So, Mr. Khushwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Tura, Block Amloh is directed to file written reply to the Show Cause Notice. 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, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

5. The PIO is further directed to provide the information related with the deficiencies to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 23.03.2022 at 11:30 am through CISCO Webex.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
10.01.2022

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

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Appeal Case No. 4029 of 2020

Present:- (i) **Shri Kesar Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex.**
(ii) **None present on behalf of the respondent.**

ORDER

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during the course of hearing when contacted on phone, his phone was found to be busy. The PIO has neither sent any reply to the Show Cause Notice as was directed vide Order dated 22.12.2021.

4. So, Mr. Khushwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Tura, Block Amloh is directed to file written reply to the Show Cause Notice. 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, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

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Appeal Case No. 4119 of 2020

Present:- (i) **Shri Kesar Singh, appellant comes present through CISCO Webex.**
(ii) **None present on behalf of the respondent.**

ORDER

The present appeal was earlier allocated to the Bench of Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler. However since the Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Avtar Singh Kaler has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned vide Office Order dated 03.01.2022.

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during the course of hearing when contacted on phone, his phone was found to be busy. The Bench views the absence of the PIO adversely.

4. So, Mr. Khushwinder Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Tura, Block Amloh is issued Show Cause Notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to appear for the hearing.

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, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

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