



Shri Surinder Singh Saini, (M: 8287136068)

H. No. 622, Behind SD College,

(Peer Baba Gali), Gentle Colony Dhaki, Pathankot. {Encl. Letter dated 09.11.2022.}

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The AE / Op. Dub Division Sarna,

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., Malikpur, Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The AE / Op. Dub Division Sarna,

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., Malikpur, Pathankot.

....Respondents

AC No. 3363 of 2022

Present:

(i)

Appellant: Shri Surinder Singh Saini through webex.

(ii)

Respondent / PIO: Shri Pankaj Lehri, Junior Engineer, Sub Division, PSPCL, Sarna, Malikpur, District Pathankot, in person.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 11.10.2022.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Surinder Singh Saini, appellant appears through cisco webex and states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. Shri Pankaj Lehri, Junior Engineer submits a reply to the Bench vide letter number 1604 dated 09.11.2022. He also says that this reply has not yet been forwarded to the appellant. The point wise reply mentioned in letter dated 09.11.2022 is read out during the hearing for the appellant.
4. On asking the appellant about the information, Shri Surinder Singh Saini, appellant shows his dissatisfaction about the information submitted in the Court.
5. Post deliberations and after going through the case file and discussing with the parties, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office for inspection of record and supply the attested copies of information as per RTI application on the date of his visit. The PIO and Shri Pankaj Lehri, Junior Engineer are directed to remain present at the time of appellant's visit. The PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice before the next hearing. A copy of the letter dated 09.11.2022 be sent to the appellant along with this order.
6. Shri Surinder Singh Saini, appellant requests the Bench to adjourn his case and give a date in the month of January, 2023. Shri Pankaj Lehri, Junior Engineer requests to hear this case through cisco webex software on the next hearing and assures that the letter number 1604 dated 09.11.2022 will be dispatched to the appellant through registered post within two days . He also gives an assurance relating to inspection and has no objection on visiting the sight relating to information demanded by the appellant.
7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to attend the hearing on 31.01.2023 through Cisco Webex Meetings Software (meeting number 15857-23975) before the Bench. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh
10.11.2022

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
NCAG, Street No. 05, # 1331-5,
Vishwkarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road, Simlapuri, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Sub Divisional Officer (XEN),
PSPCL, Sahnewal, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Sub Divisional Officer (XEN),
PSPCL, Sahnewal, District Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No. 965 of 2022

Present: (i) **Appellant: Absent.**
(ii) **Respondent / PIO: None**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 11.10.2022.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. None is present from the department. An email dated 10.11.2022 has been received by the Bench, through which the o/o AEE, Sahnewal states that they had sent a letter to GLADA office to provide the information to their office but till date they have not received any response and further requested for an adjournment in this case.
3. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant is not present today before the Bench or through cisco webex. During the hearing, a call is made to Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant but his phone number is unreachable. An email dated 10.11.2022 has been sent to the bench in which the appellant has requested for an exemption from today's hearing due to his health issues and further written that no information has been supplied to him.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO concerned to supply the information to the appellant as per RTI Act, 2005. The concerned PIO is further directed to appear in person along with requisite information and file a reply to show cause notice, on the next hearing.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 07.12.2022 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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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Chief Administrator,
PUDA, Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Additional Chief Secretary,
Housing and Urban Development Department,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 1437 of 2022

Present: (i) **Appellant: Absent.**
(ii) **Respondent / PIO: None**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 11.10.2022. On the previous hearing, the PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana was directed to supply the information to the appellant.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. None is present from the department. A letter vide endorsement number 23003 dated 21.10.2022 has been received from the PIO o/o PUDA, SAS Nagar in which they have mentioned that they have transferred the RTI application to the PIO o/o GLADA, Ludhiana as information has to be supplied by them.
3. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant is not present today before the Bench or through cisco webex. During the hearing, a call is made to Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant but his phone is unreachable. An email dated 10.11.2022 has been sent to the bench in which the appellant has requested for an exemption from today's hearing due to his health issues and further written that no information has been supplied to him.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO concerned to supply the information to the appellant as per RTI Act, 2005. The concerned PIO is further directed to appear in person along with requisite information and file a reply to show cause notice, on the next date of hearing before the bench. A copy of this order is also sent to the PIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana to comply the above said order.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 07.12.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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

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Shri Gurmej Lal,
H. No. 6375, Street Number 16, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,
Backside Bachan Gas Agency, Near Mair Di Chakki,
PO Daba, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No. 3300 of 2020

Present: (i) **Appellant: Absent.**
(ii) **Respondent / PIO: None.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 11.10.2022.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant is not present today before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.
4. After going through the case file it has been observed that the directions regarding filing of reply to the show cause notice as also the evidence for having deposited the penalty (i.e. Rs. 5000/- imposed vide order dated 16.03.2021) in the Government Treasury, still remain to be complied with.
5. The Bench again directs the PIO to comply with the directions given by the Bench vide order dated 08.09.2022, 11.10.2022 in its entirety as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing, failing which strict action be taken against the PIO.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 07.12.2022 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 Sarabjeet Singh Gill,
H. No. 60-35, P-376-1, Street No. 08,
Maha Singh, Nagar, PO Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No. 3299 of 2020

Present: (i) **Appellant: Absent.**
(ii) **Respondent / PIO: None.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 11.10.2022.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Sarabjeet Singh Gill, appellant is not present today before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.
4. After going through the case file it emerges that the directions regarding filing of reply to the show cause notice as also the evidence for having deposited the penalty (i.e. Rs. 5000/- imposed vide order dated 16.03.2021) in the Government Treasury, still remain to be complied with.
5. The Bench again directs the PIO to comply with the directions given by the Bench vide order dated 08.09.2022, 11.10.2022 in its entirety as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing, failing which strict action be taken against the PIO.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 07.12.2022 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 Krishan Lal Rinwa,
S/o Shri Girdhari Lal Rinwa,
Village Bareka, VPO Roop Nagar,
Tehsil and Distt. Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner,
(Development), Fazilka.

Public Information Officer

O/o The Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Khuhian Sarvar, District Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner,
(Development), Fazilka.

....Respondents

AC No. 1952 of 2021

Present:

(i)
(ii)

**Appellant: Shri Krishan Lal, through webex.
Respondent / PIO: None.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the previous order dated 11.10.2022.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Krishan Lal Rinwa, appellant states that he has received a document yesterday and he is satisfied with the information supplied in relation to point number 01 however inputs in relation to point number 2, 3, 4 and 5 are still pending.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. A reply vide endorsement number 1635 /ADC (D) dated 07.10.2022 has been received by the bench which is taken on record.
4. **Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as incomplete information has been supplied to the appellant and nobody has appeared from the department to represent this case today.**
5. In view of the foregoing, respondent **PIO, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner, (Development), Fazilka is directed to Show Cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act,** as to why penalty should not be imposed upon him for wilful delay / denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.
6. In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) 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.

proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing.

He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of

7. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. ADC (D), Fazilka through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.

8. The PIO concerned is directed to call the appellant on phone and discuss about the partial information so that the remaining information could be supplied by them in time and PIO concerned is further directed to appear in person along with requisite information and related documents, on the next date of hearing before the bench.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 07.12.2022 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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{Encl. RTI application}