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Shri Jagtar Singh,
S/o Shri Sampooran Singh,
Village Naraina, PO Bhagrana,
Block Khera, Tehsil Bassi Pathana,
District Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Development and,
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Block Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development and,
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondents

AC No.3615 of 2021

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

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jagtar Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO O/o BDPO Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib has come present nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO before the Bench nor he has supplied any information to the appellant.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO O/o BDPO Khera has absented himself for the third consecutive hearing and for not complying with the directions of Bench and not supplying information to the appellant, the PIO was issued show cause notice to which no reply has been filed by the PIO.
5. The appellant Shri Jagtar Singh is contacted on mobile phone. He states that as he was to visit the Doctor being unwell, as such, could not attend the hearing today. He, however, states that he has not been provided any information so far.

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AC No.3615/2021

5. The PIO O/o BDPO Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib is given another opportunity to supply information to the appellant as also to file reply to the show cause notice. The PIO is also directed to ensure to come present in person before the Bench, failing which the Bench will be constrained to initiate penal action as also to issue bailable warrants to ensure his presence during the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.09.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
11.07.2022**

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Shri Kamaljeet Singh,
S/o Shri Gurcharan Singh
Village & PO Kalakh,
Tehsil & District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Engineer,
Operation (Central Zone),PSPCL,
Power-1 Colony, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer,
Operation (Central Zone), PSPCL,
Power-1 Colony, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.3583 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent,
(ii) Shri Balwinder Singh, AAE, Sub Division, PSPCL, Narangwal,
District Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Kamaljeet Singh, appellant has not come present either in person to attend the hearing before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Balwinder Singh, AAE Sub Division, PSPCL, Narangwal, comes present to attend the hearing before the Bench in person on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information was supplied vide letter dated 05.05.2021.
4. The Bench observes that the appellant was absent during the previous hearing. The appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He denies the receipt of information. Then, he is made to talk to the representative of PIO who explains to him the details of information supplied. The appellant, however, expresses dis-satisfaction over the version of the representative of PIO.



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AC No.3583/2021

5. After deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will inspect the records and identify the information as per his RTI application. Then, the PIO will provide the information identified by the appellant duly attested before the next hearing.

6. The PIO is also directed to ensure to come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.09.2022 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 Inderjit Kaushal
R/o Kothi No.127, Phase-1,
S.A.S.Nagar (Mohali).

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o GMADA,
PUDA Bhawan,
Mohali..

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o GMADA,
PUDA Bhawan,
Mohali..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2388 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Inderjit Kaushal, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **Shri Gurwinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer/PIO, and Shri Umesh Sehgal, Sr. Assistant, Building Branch, GMADA, Mohali, in person.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Inderjit Kaushal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Shri Gurvinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer/PIO and Shri Umesh Sehgal, Senior Assistant, Building Branch O/o GMADA, Mohali come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. The PIO states that the appellant was called to office and after showing him the relevant records, the information has been supplied to the appellant. He further states that an affidavit has also been brought along but the same is yet to be got attested from the Notary Public.
4. The appellant admits his visit to inspect the records but he contends that the relevant record has not been shown to him nor the information has been supplied to him. He also does not agree with the version of PIO that entire information has been supplied and states that unless complete information is supplied, affidavit is of no consequence.

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5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant again to his office on 29.07.2022 at 03.00 PM and allow the appellant access to the entire relevant record. The information as may be identified by the appellant be provided to him before the next hearing. The PIO is directed to personally ensure that the relevant record is shown to the appellant by the official concerned to enable him to identify the information as per his RTI application.

6. After supplying the information to the appellant, the PIO is 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 appellant was allowed access to the relevant official records in AC No.2388/2021 and the information as identified by the appellant has been provided to him. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and a photocopy thereof be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.09.2022 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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Smt. Kamaljit Kaur,
Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat,
Mullapur Khurd,
Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

..... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Sirhind, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
Sri Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3952 of 2020

Present:- (i) **Smt. Kamaljit Kaur, Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO/Respondent**

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 04.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. Smt. Kamaljit Kaur, appellant comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing and states that she has not been supplied information. She further states that she is the present Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat, Mullanpur Khurd and the information needs to be provided to her by the PIO.
3. Shri Iqbal Singh PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mullanpur Khurd, District Fatehgarh Sahib has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through Cisco Webex.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO is absent for the second consecutive hearing. Neither the information has been supplied to the appellant by the PIO nor the amount of compensation of Rs.4,000/- has been provided to her by the PIO till date nor the present status in the case has been informed by the PIO.

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Appeal Case No. 3952 of 2020

5. Shri Iqbal Singh, PIO-cum-Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mullanpur Khurd, District Fatehgarh Sahib is contacted on mobile phone. He is made to talk to the appellant and the appellant explains to him the details of information sought. Then the Bench talks to Shri Iqbal Singh and he is apprised of the grievances raised by the appellant in her RTI application. The Bench directs him to come present in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing as also to bring along the related record and the demand draft of Rs.4,000/- as compensation in favour of the appellant and also to file reply to the Show Cause Notice.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.09.2022 at 11.30 AM in the Commission at Chandigarh.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Daljit Singh,
R/o H. No.23/7, Friends Colony,
Opposite D.A.V. College,
Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

...Respondents

AC No.4108/2021

Present:

- (i) **Shri Daljit Singh, Appellant.**
- (ii) **Shri Paul Parneet Singh, Building Inspector, Municipal Corporation,
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.05.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Daljit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has been provided only partial information.
3. Shri Paul Parneet Singh, Building Inspector, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO through cisco webex. He states that regarding deposit of penalty imposed on PIO, the matter has been referred to the Accounts Branch and regarding information, the same has been supplied to the appellant on 11.05.2021 in response to another RTI application of appellant.
4. Post deliberations, the PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will inspect the records and the information as may be identified by him, be supplied to him before the next hearing. He is also directed to deposit the amount of penalty as also to produce evidence for having deposited the penalty in the State Treasury and reply to the show cause notice, before the next date of hearing. The PIO is further directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person before the Bench on the next hearing bringing along the entire relevant record.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.09.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Smt. Inderjit Kaur,
R/o House No.146,
Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Near Tagore Hospital,
Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No.4105/2021

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

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.05.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Daljit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the appellant. He states that the appellant has been provided only partial information.
3. Shri Paul Parneet Singh, Building Inspector, O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO through cisco webex. He states that regarding deposit of penalty imposed on PIO, the matter has been referred to the Accounts Branch and regarding information, the same has been supplied to the appellant on 11.05.2021 in response to another RTI application of appellant.
4. Post deliberations, the PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office and allow her access to the relevant official records. The appellant will inspect the records and the information as may be identified by him, be supplied to him before the next hearing. He is also directed to deposit the amount of penalty as also to produce evidence for having deposited the penalty in the State Treasury and reply to the show cause notice, before the next date of hearing. The PIO is further directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person before the Bench on the next hearing bringing along the entire relevant record.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.09.2022 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 Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bolapur Jhabewal
Post Office Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana-141123.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development
Authority (GLADA), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development
Authority (GLADA), Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.5382/2021

Present:

- (i) Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant.
- (ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.05.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that no information has been provided to him so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor he has given any intimation in this regard.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO, GLADA, Ludhiana is absent for the third consecutive hearing. The Bench further observes that for not complying with the directions of Bench, the PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous hearing. However, he has neither filed reply to the show cause notice nor any information has been supplied to the appellant nor the PIO has come present. As such, the PIO has failed to comply with the directions of the Bench. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

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5. The facts of the case prove beyond any doubt that the PIO/Respondent does not deserve any leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, a penalty to the tune of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO Office of Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head. The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.5,000/- from the salary of the PIO and deposit the same in State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

- 0070-Other Administrative Services – 60-Other Services-

-0800-Other Receipts- 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005.

6. The PIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana is further directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, on inspection of the records, will identify the information as sought by him and the same will be supplied to the appellant by the PIO before the next hearing. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench bringing along with entire relevant record, reply to show cause notice as also the evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty and produce the same before the Bench.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.09.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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