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Shri Rohit Sabharwal  
Kundan Bhawan,  
#126, Model Gram,  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Municipal Corporation  
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2053 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Smt. Sukhjinder Kaur, on behalf of the Appellant.**  
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.10.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Smt. Sukhjinder Kaur, comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the appellant. She states that the deficiencies in the information supplied were pointed out to the PIO Zone-A, B&R Branch, MC., Ludhiana vide letter dated 05.10.2021 and written submissions in this regard were also filed before the Hon'ble Commission vide e.mail dated 11.10.2021.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor has he deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO Zone-A, B&R Branch is neither present for today's hearing nor he has complied with the directions of the Bench by supplying the rectified information as also for filing an affidavit. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO, Zone-A, B&R Branch, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana 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 not complying with the directions of the Bench. 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.

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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 they 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. The Bench directs the PIO to supply rectified information to the appellant, after removing the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant, before the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 29.03.2022 at 11.30 AM through cisco webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
12.01.2022**

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Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan,  
H.No.7-GK Vihar,  
Manakwal, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority,  
Faridkot.

....Respondents

**AC No.2014 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant**  
(ii) **Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Jr.Assistant, O/o R.T.A. Faridkot,**  
**on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.10.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has received information on Point No.1only and he has not received any information regarding point No.2 of his RTI application.
3. Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Junior Assistant comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO through cisco webex. He states that as regards information on Point No. 2 related to registration of vehicles in Faridkot District, copy of the relevant register was sent to the appellant on 21.10.2021. As the appellant informed vide letter dated 09.11.2021 that the copy of register sent is not legible, he was again sent legible copy on 16.11.2021.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has received only the forwarding letter and not the copy of relevant register of the office of RTA Faridkot.
5. Post deliberations, the PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The information as may be identified by the appellant be supplied to him.

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**AC No.2014/2020**

6. After supplying the requisite information, the PIO is also 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 information as available in the official records in AC No.2014 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy thereof be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 29.03.2022 at 11.30 AM through cisco webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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H.No.7-GK Vihar,  
Manakwal, 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.2016 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.10.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not received information on point No.1(F) of his RTI application. He further states that as per orders of Commission, he visited the office of PIO on 14.10.2021 and was again called on 05.01.2022 and he was shown register which did not contain relevant information. He states that he was given affidavit which is unattested by the Notary Public and he only wants copies of the bills for the service of vehicles got done by the Corporation, as per point 1(F) of his RTI application.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing. The Bench observes that copy of affidavit has not been sent to the Commission. However, as per version of the appellant that the affidavit is unattested by Notary Public, the same is not accepted. The Bench further observes that the PIO is absent for the second consecutive hearing. This attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

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**AC No.2016/2020**

4. The PIO O/o Zone-B, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana 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 not complying with the direction of the Bench. 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 they 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 Bench directs the PIO to supply the information to the appellant as per point 1(F) of his RTI application, before the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 29.03.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
12.01.2022**

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Manakwal, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o The Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority, Mohali.

....Respondents

**AC No.2019 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Satnam Singh, appellant**  
(ii) **Shri Dharminder Singh, Steno O/o Secretary, R.T.A.Mohali,  
on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.10.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Dharminder Singh, Steno O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Mohali comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information was supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 03.11.2020 and again vide letter dated 26.11.2020.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has received the partial information as he has not been supplied copy of NOC from the concerned registering authority on the basis of which the vehicle mentioned in his RTI application has been registered by R.T.A. Mohali.
5. The Bench observes that the PIO, on the previous hearing, was directed to bring the relevant record to the Bench. On enquiring from the representative of PIO, he states that the record was to be produced before the Hon'ble Bench but on receiving message from the staff of Bench that hearing has been changed to Cisco Webex, he has attended the hearing through cisco webex. The Bench directs the PIO to supply copy of NOC as sought by the appellant as also to file reply to the show cause notice before the next hearing.

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**AC No.2019/2020**

6. The PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued on 24.02.2021, before the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 29.03.2022 at 11.30 AM through cisco webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh  
12.01.2022

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Shri Om Parkash Yadav,  
S/o Shri Naresh Prashad Yadav,  
R/o H.No.213 (H-1-MCA),  
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,  
Near State Bank of India,  
Batala Road, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Estate Officer,  
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

**Public Information Officer**  
**O/o Medical Officer of Health**  
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

**AC No.2971 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Om Parkash Yadav, appellant.**  
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.10.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Om Parkash Yadav, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He reiterates the version as made by him during the previous hearings and states he has not received any information as yet.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. On perusal of the previous order, the Bench observes that apart from PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, the PIO O/o Estate Officer, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar and the PIO O/o Medical Officer of Health, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, were impleaded as Respondent No.2 and 3 respectively, and directed to supply information relating to their offices to the appellant before the next hearing. The PIO O/o M.C. Amritsar has also not filed reply to the show cause notice. Today again, none of the PIOs has come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.



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**AC No.2971/2020**

4. The PIO's concerned are again directed to supply complete information to the appellant and file reply to the Show Cause Notice, before the next date of hearing. They are further directed to ensure to attend the next hearing.

5. After supply of information to the appellant, the PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, PIO O/o Estate Officer, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar and the PIO O/o Medical Officer of Health, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar are directed to file an affidavit separately on non judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO concerned and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.2971/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. The original affidavits along with photocopies of the same as also the copy of information supplied and the relevant records 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 29.03.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
12.10.2021**

**Sd/-  
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Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,  
Ward No.18, Street No.2,  
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,  
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council,  
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Regional Deputy Director,  
Urban Local Govt., Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.558 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, appellant, in person.**  
(ii) **Shri Rajesh Rehni, Assistant Municipal Engineer O/o PIO,  
M.C. Khanna(Ludhiana).**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through cisco webex. Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Rajesh Rehni, Assistant Municipal Engineer, Municipal Council, Khanna comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information comprising 1254 pages has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.01.2022 by registered post and that the amount of penalty has been deposited vide treasury challan dated 21.12.2021.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that as per directions of Hon'ble Bench, he visited the office of PIO on 28.12.2021 but no record was produced before him for inspection. The PIO directed the Accountant to show the record and provide information, who assured to give information on 05.01.2022. However, the information has been provided to him vide letter dated 11.01.2022 and he needs time to go through the information supplied so as to point out deficiencies, if any, to the PIO. The appellant also alleges that he was ill-treated by the staff of M.C. Khanna. The staff allegedly misbehaved with him.

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**AC No.558/2020**

5. After deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant again by tying up with him and allow him access to the relevant records by deputing an official to help the appellant in inspection of records. The appellant, after inspecting the records, will identify the information as per his RTI application and the same will be supplied by the PIO to the appellant before next hearing.

6. As directed on the previous hearing, the PIO is now directed to file a fresh affidavit after supplying the information to the appellant on on-judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in AC No.558/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed and statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 29.03.2022 at 11.30 AM through cisco webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
12.01.2022**

**Sd/-  
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Shri Jagjit Singh,  
R/o Aman Nagar, Street No.3,  
Backside Green Land School,  
Near Jalandhar By-pass,  
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2289 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant.**  
(ii) **Shri Devinder Singh, Draftsman O/o Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana,**  
**on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard Through Cisco Webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not been provided complete information.
3. Shri Devinder Singh, Draftsman, Zone-A M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the PIO. He states that point-wise information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.01.2022 by registered post and that the affidavit is ready and will be sent today.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies receipt of information which is obvious as the same has been sent only yesterday. However, he is advised to point out deficiencies to the PIO, after receiving the information.
5. The PIO is directed to provide rectified complete point-wise information to the appellant after receiving the deficiencies from the appellant before the next hearing. He is again directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued on 02.08.2021 and the affidavit be sent to the appellant by today itself.

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**AC No.2289/2020**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 29.03.2022 at 11.30 AM through cisco webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
12.01.2022**

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Backside Green Land School,  
Near Jalandhar By-pass,  
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2290 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant.**  
(ii) **Shri Devinder Singh, Draftsman O/o Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana,**  
**on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard Through Cisco Webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not been provided complete information.
3. Shri Devinder Singh, Draftsman, Zone-A M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the PIO. He states that point-wise information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.01.2022 by registered post and that the affidavit is ready and will be sent today.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies receipt of information which is obvious as the same has been sent only yesterday. However, he is advised to point out deficiencies to the PIO, after receiving the information.
5. The PIO is directed to provide rectified complete point-wise information to the appellant after receiving the deficiencies from the appellant before the next hearing. He is again directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued on 02.08.2021 and the affidavit be sent to the appellant by today itself.

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**AC No.2290/2020**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 29.03.2022 at 11.30 AM through cisco webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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