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Shri Ravi Kumar S/o Shri Avtar Chand, R/o V.P.O. Pasla, Teshil Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

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Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO), Rurka Kalan, Distt. Jalandhar.

## **First Appellate Authority**

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

...Respondents

#### AC No.4428/2021

#### Present: Shri Ravi Kumar, Appellant. (i) Shri Ashok Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Bundala (ii) and Shri Paramjit Kumar, Gram Sewak O/o BDPO Rurka Kalan, District Jalandhar on behalf of the PIO/respondent, in person.

## ORDER

#### (Heard in person/through cisco webex)

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.04.2022 passed by this Bench on 1.

the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ravi Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.

3. Shri Ashok Kumar, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Bundala and Shri Paramjit Kumar, Gram Sewak O/o BDPO Rurka Kalan, District Jalandhar come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing. Shri Ashok Kumar, Panchayat Secretary states that he has supplied information to the appellant vide letter dated 01.12.2021. He also produces reply to the show cause notice before the Bench which is taken on record.

Due to audio problem in connectivity through cisco webex, the appellant is contacted on 4. mobile phone. He is made to talk to the PIO Shri Ashok Kumar who explains to him the details of the information supplied. Then on the asking of the Bench, the appellant admits the receipt of information to his satisfaction and also gives his consent to close the case.



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5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case** 

is disposed off and closed. Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Smt. Daljeet Kaur D/o Late Sh.Santokh Singh, H.No.1310/19, Phase-11, Sector-65, Mohali.

...Appellant

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority(GMADA), Mohali.

# First Appellate Authority

O/o Greater Mohali Area Development Authority(GMADA), Mohali.

....Respondents

## AC No.3201 of 2021

Present:(i)Appellant- absent.(ii)Shri Gurvinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer, GMADA, Mohali,<br/>on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

## ORDER:

## (Heard through Cisco Webex/on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.04.2022 passed by this Bench on

the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Smt. Daljeet Kaur, appellant has not come present to attend

the hearing in person or through Cisco Webex.

3. Shri Gurvinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer/PIO O/o GMADA, Mohali comes present to

attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information has been provided to the appellant on

08.06.2022.

4. The appellant Smt. Daljit Kaur is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, she

confirms the receipt of information and also gives her consent to close the case.

5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. The instant appeal case

is disposed off and closed. Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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



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Shri Karnail Singh, #2463, Street No.7, Sewa Pura, Village Kalmiya Wala, Dera Gill Road,Ludhiana-141003.

...Appellant

Versus

## Public Information Officer

O/o Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Punjab State Power Corpn. Ltd., Patiala.

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Chief Engineer, HRD Punjab State Power Corpn. Ltd., Patiala.

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer, HRD, Punjab State Power Corpn. Ltd., Patiala.

....Respondents

#### AC No.3232 of 2021

Present:	(i)	Shri Karnail Singh, Appellant, in person .
	(ii)	Shri Bahadur Singh, Dy. Secretary, ENG-2 Branch, PSPCL, Patiala, in person.
	(iii)	Smt. Rupinder Kaur, Deputy Secretary, Technical-4, PSPCL, Patiala, in person.

#### ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.04.2022 passed by this Bench on

the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Karnail Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.

3. Smt. Rupinder Kaur, Deputy Secretary, Technical-4 Branch, PSPCL, Patiala comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. She produces before the Bench the reply to show cause notice and also states that the information sought by the appellant relates to the Deputy Secretary, Employees Non-Gazetted-2 Branch. Shri Bahadur Singh, Deputy Secretary, Employees Non-Gazetted-2 Branch also comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 04.07.2022 and relevant official record has also been brought along for scrutiny.

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## AC No.3232/2021

4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that correct information has not been supplied to him on point No.3 whereby the representative of the PIO states that the information as available in the records has been supplied. Then the Bench directs the representatives of the PIO present to sit in the adjoining court room and to show the relevant record to the appellant and explain the details of issues to him in a systematic manner.

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5. Thereafter, the representatives of PIO and the appellant come present before the Bench and state that the entire relevant record has been shown to the appellant. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant confirms receipt of information to his satisfaction and gives his consent to close the case

In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. The instant appeal case
is disposed off and closed. Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Kamaljit Singh Anand, S/o Shri Jaipal Singh Chamber No.5014, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, District Courts, Ludhiana-141010.

.....Appellant

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Zone-D, Ludhiana.

## Public Information Officer

O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Zone-D, B&R Branch, Ludhiana.

## PIO/Superintendent,

Tehbazari Branch, Municipal Corporation,Ludhiana

# First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Zone-D, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

## AC No.1625 of 2020

<u>Present:</u>	(i)	Shri Kamaljit Singh, Appellant- cisco webex.
	(ii)	Shri Harish Chander, Superintendent(HQs)/PIO, Tehbazari Branch and
	. ,	Shri Lakhbir Singh, Inspector, Tehbazari, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana,
		in person.

## <u>ORDER</u>

## (Heard in person/On Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.04.2022 passed by this Bench on

the previous date of hearing.

2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Kamaljit Singh Anand, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.

3. Shri Harish Chander, Superintendent(HQs) comes present along with Shri Lakhbir Singh, Inspector, Tehbazari Branch, M.C. Ludhiana to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant was called for inspection of records vide letter dated 18.03.2021, 06.05.2021, 20.09.2021 and thereafter vide letter dated 22.03.2022, but the appellant did not turn up to inspect the records. Then, the appellant has been supplied information to the effect that the encroachments referred to in his RTI application have been removed and the photographs affirming this version were also sent to the appellant.



#### AC No.1625/2020

4. Shri Kamaljit Singh Anand, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant though admits receipt of information today on his WhatsApp number, but he shows his dis-satisfaction over information supplied and further states that some of the encroachments like fixation of angled iron pickets still exist which have not been removed. The representative of PIO replies that such encroachments are of permanent nature which are dealt with by the Building Branch and Tehbazari Branch only removes the temporary encroachments.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO-cum-Superintendent, Tehbazari Branch, Zone-D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana to file an affidavit on non judicial stamp paper, within 21 (Twenty one) days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the appellant was called for inspection of records on 18.03.2021, 06.05.2021, 20.09.2021 and 22.03.2022, but the appellant did not turn up to inspect the records and then, the appellant has been supplied information as available in official records in AC No.1625 of 2020, vide letter dated 08.07.2022 to the effect that the encroachments referred to in the RTI application of appellant have been removed. It be further stated that temporary encroachments have been removed by the Tehbazri Branch, Zone-D and that the permanent encroachments are removed by the Building Branch, Zone-D who has been asked to do the same. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the information supplied is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

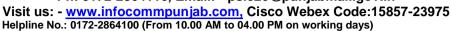
6. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Ravinder Kumar, S/o Shri Mehar Chand, R/o 8497, Street No.1, Maha Singh Nagar, Daba Lohara Road,Ludhiana. PSiC State Information

.....Appellant

Versus

## **Public Information Officer** O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority** O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

# AC No.3606 of 2021

## Present: (i) Appellant- absent. (ii) ASI Tarsem Singh, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

## <u>ORDER</u>

# (Heard in person/on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. He has, however, sent an e.mail stating that he had gone for inspection of records but many documents were not available in the records and has expressed his dis-satisfaction in this regard.

3. ASI Tarsem Singh, RTI Cell O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant was called to office and the information as available in the official records was given to him by hand. He also states that the appellant has been allowed inspection of records a number of times prior to providing him the information.

4. The Bench contacts the appellant on mobile phone. He is apprised of the version of the representative of PIO. He then, states that the information has been provided to him after three hearings have been held in the case.

## AC No.3606/2021

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5. Post deliberations and after perusal of the documents available in the case file, the Bench observes that the appellant has been supplied information and reply to the show cause notice has also been filed. Thus, the directions of the Bench stand complied with. However, in spite of that, the appellant is still not satisfied over the information supplied. The Bench now directs the PIO to file an affidavit on non judicial 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 AC No.3606/2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the information supplied is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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

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Shri Brichh Bhan, S/o Shri Saroop Chand R/o H.No.33, Kahangarh Road, Patran, District Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Executive Officer, Block Samiti, Patran, District Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority** O/o Executive Officer, Block Samiti, Patran,

District Patiala.

...Respondents

## AC No.168/2022

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 06.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case was scheduled to be heard today. Shri Brichh Bhan, appellant has neither come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has sent any intimation in this regard.

3. The PIO O/o E.O. Block Samiti, Patran, District Patiala has also neither come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO nor any intimation has been sent by him to the Commission.

4. The Bench observes that the appellant and the PIO have absented themselves for the second consecutive hearing. The Bench observes that the appellant does not seem to be interested in pursuing the present appeal case sincerely.

5. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO, the Bench is unable to continue with the proceedings in this case as it will amount to wastage of time of the Commission, causing uncalled for harassment to the Bench.

6. In view of the above, the Bench is not inclined to proceed further in the matter due to nonpursuit of case by the appellant. **The present appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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

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PP PSiC South

Shri Veeru Singh, S/o Shri Dholla Singh, Village Ladhuka, Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

..... Appellant

Versus

# Public Information Officer,

O/o APO MGNREGA, Jalalabad (East).

First Appellate Authority, O/o Block Development & Panchayat Department (BDPO), Jalalabad (East).

.....Respondent

# Appeal Case No. 190 of 2022

# Present:- (i) Appellant- absent. (ii) None on behalf of PIO O/o BDPO Jalalabad (West),District Fazilka.

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1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 06.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case was scheduled to be heard today. Shri Veeru Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.

3. Shri Harpreet Singh, APO, O/o BDPO, Jalalabad (West), District Fazilka who had attended the previous hearing, has also not come present to attend the hearing. However, an e.mail dated 04.05.2022 has been received from the BDPO Jalalabad (W) stating that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 21.04.2022 by registered post and the appellant has also confirmed in writing the receipt of information to his satisfaction vide his letter dated 25.04.2022, which is also enclosed with his letter dated 04.05.2022.

4. On perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that the appellant has received information to his satisfaction. As such, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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#### Shri Gurtej Singh Khattra,

S/o Shri Bakhshish Singh Khattra, R/o Village Rohit Moura, PO Vill.Rohta, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala. Punged of the Mormation Contraction

.....Appellant

Versus

#### **Public Information Officer**

O/o Sub Divisional Officer Sub Division, Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.(PSPCL), Nabha, District Patiala.

#### **First Appellate Authority**

O/o Chief Engineer Operational (South), Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL), The Mall, Patiala.

...Respondents

## AC No.4622/2021

Present: (i) Shri Gurtej Singh Khattra, Appellant- Cisco Webex.

(ii) Shri Dharampal Singh, SDO and Shri Bhupinderpal Singh, Revenue Accountant, Sub Division, PSPCL, Ghamrauda, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala, PIO/respondent, in person.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

#### (Heard in person/through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 25.04.2022 passed by this Bench on

the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gurtej Singh Khattra, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states the respondent has sent reply that the information cannot be supplied to him under section 8(i)(j) of the RTI Act,2005 and he is not satisfied with the reply of PIO.

3. Shri Dharampal Singh, SDO/PIO and Shri Bhupinderpal Singh, Revenue Accountant, PSPCL, Ghamrauda, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Shri Dharampal Singh, PIO states that the appellant has sought information about the consumers of electricity who have obtained connection under BPL category which includes the Aadhar cards and caste of the persons which is personal information and is not permissible under Section 8(1)(j) of RTI Act. He also states that the connection is released under this category after ensuring submission of relevant documents. He also produces before the Bench reply to show cause notice which is taken on record.

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AC No.4622/2021

4. The appellant refutes the contention of the PIO and states that he wants to know as to whether those persons are eligible for the connection under BPL category. The Bench apprises the appellant that the Bench agrees with the contention of the PIO and clarifies that the electricity connection to such persons has been released by PSPCL after scrutiny of necessary documents, as averred by the PIO before the Bench and thus, the Bench is fully convinced that this information has rightly been denied and the Bench is not inclined to proceed further in the matter.

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5. In view of the observations as made above, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Authority, Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Hoshiarpur.

## ....Respondents

## AC No.1095 of 2020

Present:	(i)	Appellant – absent.
	(ii)	Shri Surinder Bhandari, Junior Assistant/PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Hoshiarpur.

## <u>ORDER</u>

## (Heard in person/ on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.04.2022 passed by this Bench on

the previous date of hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Shakti Bhushan, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through Cisco Webex.

3. Shri Surinder Bhandari, Junior Assistant/PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A., Hoshiarpur comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 05.07.2022 by registered post.

4. Shri Shakti Bhushan, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he confirms the receipt of information and also gives his consent to close the case.

5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. The instant appeal case

is disposed off and closed. Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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

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Shri Gurcharan Singh, S/o Shri Darshan Singh, Village Bhudan, Tehsil & Distt. Malerkotla-148023.

...Appellant

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Sangrur.

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Sr. Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

....Respondents

## AC No.3204 of 2021

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

## ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.04.2022 passed by this Bench on

the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gurcharan Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex.

3. Neither the PIO has come present in person or through cisco webex nor has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.

4. The appellant is contacted on mobile phone. In spite of repeated attempts made, he does not respond to the phone calls.

5. On perusal of previous order, the Bench observes that Shri Rajiv Gupta, Environmental Engineer, Regional Office-II, PPCB, Sangrur/ PIO had assured the Bench to send information to the appellant and the Bench had also advised the appellant to collect information from the PIO on 10.04.2022.

6. The Bench, beyond any doubt, is convinced that as the appellant has not responded either in writing or to the phone calls of the Bench, the appellant has received the requisite information. In view of this, the Bench now directs the PIO to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, within 21 (Twenty one) days,





## AC No.3204/2021

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.3204/2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the information supplied is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

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7. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Surinder Pal, Advocate, R/o #539/112/3, Street No.1-E, New Vishnu Puri, New Shivpuri Road, PO Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

# First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

(i)

(ii)

...Respondents

AC No.5452/2021

Present:

Shri Surinder Pal, Appellant, in person. ASI Tarsem Singh, RTI Cell O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/respondent, in person.

## <u>ORDER</u>

1.

This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.05.2022 passed by this Bench on

the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Surinder Pal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has received reply from the PIO which is wrong, misleading, evasive and unsatisfactory.

3. ASI Tarsem Singh, I/c RTI Cell, O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant had visited the office of Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to file an RTI Application on behalf of a female applicant. To ascertain the genuineness of a RTI applicant, he was asked to indicate phone number/contact number of the said applicant which the appellant found to be inappropriate. The present RTI application filed thereafter by the appellant is in pursuance of his said visit to the RTI Cell in the office of Commissioner of Police . He states that the information was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 16.02.2022 and again vide letter dated 20.05.2022.

4. The appellant does not agree with the contentions raised by the PIO in the reply sent to him. He also alleges harassment at the hands of officials of the office of Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. He also states that the he had also filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority who has also not redressed his grievance. However, the representative of PIO denies such allegations. He further states that the appellant has been given reply to his RTI application appropriately.



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5. The Bench, on perusal of RTI application, observes that the type of information sought by the appellant in his RTI application is virtually not seeking information, rather it is his grievance raised vide RTI application and it reveals his grudge against the functioning of RTI Cell in the office of Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. The Bench is of the opinion that the grievance raised by the appellant can best be redressed at the level of First Appellate Authority i.e. the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. The Bench wishes to apprise the First Appellate Authority that the appellant is aggrieved by the harassment, as alleged by him, by the officials of the RTI Cell of the office of Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. The Bench considers it to be in the fitness of things if the First Appellate Authority hears the appellant and addresses the grievances raised by the appellant in his RTI Application at his level on priority.

6. In view of the position brought out as above, the Bench deems it appropriate to refer the Appeal Case to the First Appellate Authority O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to call the appellant to his office in the next ten days and give him a patient hearing and redress the grievance raised by the appellant in his RTI Application.

7. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh 12.07.2022

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