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Sh. Rajinder Kumar (9646380671)

S/o Sh. Mehar Chand, W,No. 2, Supreme Enclave, Near VishwkarmaBhawan, Link Road, Mansa

Vs

**Public Information Officer** EO, Nagar Council, Mansa

First Appellate Authority
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Local Govt. Bathinda

Respondent

Appellant

Information

Appeal Case No.: 700 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

**Present:** (i) Sh. Rajinder Kumar, the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Darshan Singh, Accountant (9872238791)

### **ORDER**

Dated: 12.10.2022

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.8.2022 vide which the respondent was directed to submit reply to show cause notice and supply the information to the appellant. The matter was adjourned to 12.10.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
- 3. The respondent states that information has already been supplied to the appellant on 23.8.2022.
- 4. The appellant states that deficiencies have been pointed by him on 13.9.2022 stating therein the same irrelevant has been repeated. Appellant is advised to point out deficiency timely so that precious time and resources of the Commission and Public Authority could be saved.
- 5. After hearing both the parties in detail, the Commission advises the appellant to supply the deficiency letter to the respondent within three days from today and respondent PIO is directed to remove the same within 7 days after receipt letter from the appellant.

He is further directed to reply to the show cause notice before the next date of hearing.

6. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on 19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Jasbir Singh (9888296107)

Guru Nanak Nagar, Vill. Bolapur, Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh Distt. Ludhiana 141123,

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb., Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4556 of 2021 Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant-Absent

Respondent – Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, PIO

### **ORDER**

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.8.2022 vide which the respondent PIO was directed to go through the RTI application and supply the information to the appellant. The matter was adjourned to 12.10.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
- 3. The respondent states that partial information had already been supplied to the appellant. She adds that rest of the information relates with RTA, Jalandhar and requests the Commission to call the respondent PIO from the concerned office i.e. RTA, Jalandhar.
- 4. After discussing with the respondent and examining the documents placed on record, it is observed that there is no document in the case file, showing transfer of RTI application to the office of RTA, Jalandhar under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 5. On the request of the respondent, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, respondent PIO, O/o RTA, Jalandhar is impleaded as a necessary party in the instant appeal case and a copy of this order be sent to him along with RTI application for his ready reference.
- 6. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Regd. Post

Public Information Officer (By Name) O/o RTA, Jalandhar

Encl. RTI application

Dated: 12.10.2022

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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, (9814197689)

s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar, H.No.148, Model Town, Phase-I, Bathinda

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o M.C., Bathinda

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2720 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant- Sh. Sanjiv Goyal

Respondent – Sh. Mohit Sharma, JA (9256495152)-Point No.2

Sh. Amardeep, Data Entry Operator, Ms. Silky (Clerk)

### ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.8.2022 vide which an inspection was fixed for 25.8.2022. The matter was adjourned to 12.10.2022.

- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. The respondent Sh. Molhit Sharma, JA states that point No.2 relates with him, the information with regard to his point has been supplied on 22.2.2022.
- 3. The appellant states that information with regard to Point No.1, 3, 5, 7 & 8 is to be received.
- 4. After having detailed discussion with the present parties and examining the case file, respondents present for today are directed to convey message to the EO, MC, Bathinda to call the appellant on any working day and supply the pending information with regard to Point No.1, 3, 5, 7 & 8 to the appellant within fifteen days after receipt of this order. A copy of this order be also sent to the EO, O/o MC, Bathinda by name through registered post for his ready reference.
- 5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 12.10.2022 (Anumit Singh Sodhi)
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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, (M: 9814197689)

S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar # 148, Model Town, Phase- 1, Bathinda. **Appellant** 

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o SHO, Police Station City Phul District Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

Dated: 12.10.2022

O/o IGP, Bathinda Range, Bathinda Respondent

Versus

Appeal Case No.: 4961 of 2021 **Through CISCO WEBEX** 

**Present:** Appellant - Sh. Sanjeev Goyal is present.

Respondent: Sh. Jaswinder Singh, ASI (9813057649) from the Department.

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.8.2022 vide which the respondent was directed to supply the information within 15 days after receipt of the order. The matter was adjourned to 12.10.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.
- 3. The respondent requests the court for grant of time promising thereby that the information shall be supplied to the appellant as he has recently been transferred to the present posting.
- 4. The court after hearing the respondent grants time for 10 days with the direction to supply the information to the appellant within the given time under intimation to the Commission, failing which action will be initiated against concerned respondent PIO.
- 5. The appellant is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, on receipt of the information, within seven days, under intimation to the Commission, so that the same can be removed.
- 6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
- 7. To come up on 19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, (M: 9814197689)

S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Appellant

# 148, Model Town, Phase- 1, Bathinda.

Versus

**Show Cause** 

**Public Information Officer (By Name)** 

(Regd. Post) O/o SHO, Police Station City Rampura,

District Bathinda

Encl. RTI application

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o IGP, Bathinda Range, Bathinda. Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4960 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

**Present:** Appellant - Sh. Sanjeev Goyal is present.

Respondent: None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.8.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent, but directions were given to supply the information within 15 days after receipt of the order. The matter was adjourned to 12.10.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him till date.
- 3. The Commission while viewing absence of the respondent seriously second time in spite of registered post notices/orders issued by the Commission time and again, which means he fails to perform his duties as a public servant.
  - 4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO**, **O/o SHO**, **Police Station City Rampur**, **District Bathinda** is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for detriment suffered.
- 5. In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) 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 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. Respondent PIO is also directed to supply the point-wise reply/information as per RTI application to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order
- 7. To come up on **19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties. (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting

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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal (9814197689)

S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar, # 148, Model Town, Phase-I, Bathinda

Versus

**Show Cause** 

**Public Information Officer (By Name)** 

(Regd. Post) O/o SHO, Police Station, Kotfatta,

Distt. Bathinda

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority O/o IGP, Bathinda Range,

Dated: 12.10.2022

Dated: 12.10.2022

Bathinda Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4954 of 2021 Hearing through CISCO Webex

**Present:** Appellant - Sh. Sanjeev Goyal is present.

Respondent: None is present from the Department.

### ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.8.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent, but directions were given to supply the information within 07 days after receipt of the order. The matter was adjourned to 12.10.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him till date.
- 3. The Commission while viewing absence of the respondent seriously second time in spite of registered post notices/orders issued by the Commission time and again, which means he fails to perform his duties as a public servant.
  - 4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o SHO, Police Station Kotfatta District Bathinda** is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for detriment suffered.
- 5. In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) 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 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. Respondent PIO is also directed to supply the point-wise reply/information as per RTI application to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order
- To come up on 19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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**Note:** After the hearing was over, Sh. Sukhdip Singh, Constable (7508018143) was contacted and he was apprised with today's proceedings the briefed the directions for supply of information within 7 days to the appellant.

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## Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

# 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar, Distt. Mohali.

Versus

#### **Public Information Officer**

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority., Hoshiarpur

## **First Appellate Authority**

Dated: 12.10.2022

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority., Hoshiarpur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3103 of 2021 Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

**Present:** (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Surinder Bhandari (PIO)

### **ORDER**

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.8.2022 vide which inspection was fixed 30.8.2022. The matter was adjourned to 12.10.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
- 3. The appellant states that ambiguity with respect to supplied information had already been pointed but the same is to be removed.
- 4. After hearing in detail the appellant is advised once again to visit office of respondent on 27.10.2022 during office hours and get the information after inspection.
- 5. The respondent assures that record will be supplied to the appellant on his visit on 27.10.2022 and supply the identified pages to the appellant as per RTI application.
- 6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
- 7. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on 19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties. (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

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Versus

## **Public Information Officer**

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority., Hoshiarpur

### **First Appellate Authority**

Dated: 12.10.2022

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority., Hoshiarpur

Respondent

# Appeal Case No.: 3102 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

**Present:** (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Surinder Bhandari (PIO)

### ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.8.2022 vide which inspection was fixed 30.8.2022. The matter was adjourned to 12.10.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
- 3. The appellant states that ambiguity with respect to supplied information had already been pointed but the same is to be removed.
- 4. After hearing in detail the appellant is advised once again to visit office of respondent on 27.10.2022 during office hours and get the information after inspection.
- 5. The respondent assures that record will be supplied to the appellant on his visit on 27.10.2022 and supply the identified pages to the appellant as per RTI application.
- 6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
- 7. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties. (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

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# 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar, Distt. Mohali

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

Dated: 12.10.2022

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 5714 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

**Present:** (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Rakesh Joshi, PIO

### **ORDER**

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.8.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
- **3.** The respondent PIO states that they have supplied the information by registered on 29.6.2022 and 6.10.2022 under intimation to the Commission.
- 4. The appellant states that he has not received any information as stated by the respondent.
- **5.** The court while listening both the parties, directs the respondent to send the information again to the appellant by registered post. Postal receipt may be sent to the Commission by email.
- **6.** Appellant is advised to send the ambiguity, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
- 7. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
- The matter is adjourned for further hearing on 19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Sh. Ranbir Singh (9814620143)

s/o Sh. Subhash Singh, R/o Vill. Madhopur, Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar

**First Appellate Authority** 

Dated: 12.10.2022

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4242 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

**Present:** Sh. Ranbir Singh, appellant

Sh. Kuldip Singh, Steno & Ms. Amarjit Kaur, JA, APIO

### **ORDER**

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 3.8.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
- 3. The appellant states that the sought for information is still awaited.
- 4. The respondent states that the record is not available which is being searched. He further requests that may be given time for one month, which is granted. If the information is not supplied within one month then strict action will be initiated against the PIO.
- 5. The appellant is also advised to point out ambiguity within 7 days, if any, on its receipt under intimation to the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard and case will be closed/disposed of, on the next date of hearing.
- 6. To come up on **30.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Bhupinder Punj, (9915235055)

s/o Sh. Braham Prakash, # 186, VPO Lohara, Ludhiana,

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur

**First Appellate Authority** 

Dated: 12.10.2022

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1425 of 2021 Heard through CISCO WEBEX

**Present:** (i) Appellant – Sh. Bhupinder Punj

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Rakesh Joshi, PIO

### **ORDER**

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 3.8.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
- 3. Respondent states that record was inspected by the appellant and he is satisfied with the same. He adds that appellant has given an acknowledgement for the same dated 07.06.2022 and copy of the same will be sent to the Commission by today for sure. He further mentions that nothing has been pointed out till date, even after a lapse of two months by the appellant.
- 4. After hearing the respondent and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to send acknowledgments signed by the appellant to the Commission today itself and to send the information again by registered post after collecting the documentation fee from the appellant.
- 5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.
- With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on 20.12.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Sh. Puneet Maheshwari (9517600243)

s/o Sh. Darshan Kumar Ward No.6, Rama 151301. Distt. Bathinda

**Versus** 

**Public Information Officer** O/o Nagar Council, Rama, Distt. Bathinda

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 1225 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO Webex

**Present:** None for the parties.

### **ORDER**

Dated: 12.10.2022

- 1. This order may be read with earlier order dated 24.8.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are absent in spite of registered post orders issued to the parties by the Commission. Accordingly, a final opportunity is awarded to them to represent this case on the next date of hearing; failing which case will be decided on merit basis.
- 3. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on 19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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### Sh. Surinder Singh(9417975268)

s/o Sh. Amar Singh,

R/o Ram Tirath Jagga, Tehsil Talwandi Saboo,

Distt. Bathinda

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o EO, Nagar Panchayat, Talwandi Saboo, Distt. Bathinda

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o ADC,(Urban Dev), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 997 of 2022 Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Sh. Shubham Gupta on behalf of the appellant

Respondent: Sh. Rajinder Kumar, Clerk (9417080618)

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 08.09.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
- 3. The Sh. Shubham Gupta appearing on behalf the appellant states that his client has not received any information with regard to his RTI Application from the respondent department till date.
- 4. The respondent states that the information sought for about Sh. Davinder Sharma, JE but he did not gave his give consent to disclose his personal information, so the requisite information has not been supplied to the appellant.
- 5. After hearing both the parties in detail and examining the case file, it is observed that complete requisite information is not exempted; accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to go through the RTI application once again and supply the point-wise information/reply except exempted information as per RTI Act, 2005 within 10 days from today under intimation to the Commission.
- 6. A copy of this order be sent to the Sh. Sukhdev Singh, EO-cum-PIO by name through registered post for his ready reference.
- 7. The appellant is advised to point ambiguity, if any, on receipt of the information within 7 days under intimation to the Commission, failing which it shall be presumed that information supplied by the respondent is sufficient and the appellant has nothing to point out.
- 8. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
- 9. To come up on **30.11.2022** at **11:00 AM** through **CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Regd. Post

Dated: 12.10.2022

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**Sh. Rajnish Khosla** #77, R, State Bank Colony, White Avenue, Amritsar.

Versus

**Public Information Officer** O/o M.C., Amritsar

Dated: 12.10.2022

Sh. Dheeraj Kumar (Building Inspector)

(Regd. Post) O/o M.C., Amritsar Respondent

Complaint case No.: 597 of 2021 Heard through CISCO Webex

Present: Complainant- Sh. Avnish Khosla on behalf of complainant.

Respondent – Sh. Pardeep Sehgal, ATP (9814022455)

### Order

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.8.2022 vide which respondent PIO was directed to supply the affidavit duly attested by the Oath Commissioner within fifteen days. Matter was adjourned for further hearing for 12.10.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
- 3. The representative of the complainant, Sh. Avnish Khosla states that affidavit as per directions of the Commission is not received from the respondent PIO till date.
- 4. Respondent, Sh. Pardeep Sehgal joined meeting late after leaving meeting by the representative of the complainant and respondent intimates the Commission that affidavit as per directions of the Hon'ble Commission was sent to the appellant on 30.09.2022 by speed post. He adds that a copy of the supplied reply and affidavit has also been sent to the Commission via letter no. 215 dated 30.09.2022, which is received and taken on record. He further adds that in the RTI application, no information has been sought from the department/respondent PIO.
- 5. He further adds that complainant has not demanded any information in his RTI application.
- 6. It is observed that show cause notice announced by the Commission is withdrawn, which was announced in the presence of the representative of the complainant. I am of the considered view that supplied affidavit is sufficient and nothing is left to be supplied as per the directions of the Commission.
- 7. Complainant is advised to approach the Commission within ten days after receipt of this order, if he has received the above mentioned affidavit or not, which is sent to him by the respondent via speed post on 30.09.2022, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
- 8. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively.
- The matter is adjourned for further hearing on <u>24.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M.</u> through CISCO WEBEX <u>application</u>. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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## Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha(9814228629)

# 30, Banda Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar

Versus

**Show-Cause** 

**Public Information Officer (By Name)** 

(Regd. Post) O/o MC, Jalandhar

Encl. RTI application

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 858 of 2022 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant: Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha

Respondent – None from respondent department

Order

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.8.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent and was directed to go through the RTI application once again and supply the point-wise information to the appellant within 15 days from the date of receipt of the above order. Matter was adjourned for further hearing for 12.10.2022,
- 2. In today's hearing the appellant is present. He states that nothing has been received from the respondent department till date.
- 3. Respondent PIO is absent consecutively second time in spite of registered post notices/orders issued to him by the Commission, which shows he fails to perform his duties as a public servant.
- 4. In view of the foregoing, respondent PIO, O/o MC, Jalandhar is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.
- 5. In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) 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 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. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the point-wise reply/information to the appellant as per RTI application within ten days after receipt of this order.

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- 7. A copy of this order be also sent to the Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar by name through registered post to look into the matter and issue directions to the concerned officials accordingly.
- The matter is adjourned for further hearing on 19.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
   (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
Dated: 12.10.2022 State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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The Commissioner (By Name) MC, Jalandhar