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Whistle Blower, NCAG Office,  
Street No.5, # 1331-5, Vishawkarma Bhawan,  
Down Canal Road, Shimlapuri,  
Ludhiana-141003.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Bodies, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Bodies, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.2218 of 2022**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Sukhdev Singh, Superintendent/PIO, Local Govt.-1 Branch, O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab-in person.
- (iii) Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector, O/o Town Planning Wing, Directorate of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh in person.

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 04.02.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.03.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant has not come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex. However, Shri Gurmej Lal has informed through telephonic message that the appellant is unwell and is not in a position to attend the hearing and thus, has sought adjournment.

3. Shri Sukhdev Singh, Superintendent/PIO, Local Govt.-1 Branch, O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab and Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector, O/o Town Planning Wing, Directorate of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Shri Sukhdev Singh, PIO states that the information has been sought by the appellant with regard

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to action taken on a complaint dated 11.01.2022 made by him to Hon'ble Governor of Punjab. The said complaint referred to in his RTI application has not been received in the office of Principal Secretary, Local Government. The appellant has been asked to supply copy of the said complaint many times, but no response has been received from the appellant.

4. In view of the version of the PIO, the appellant is advised to send a copy of complaint dated 11.01.2022 to the PIO O/o Local Govt.-1 Branch, O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh as well as a copy of the same to the Commission as the same is also not available with the RTI application.

5. The Bench directs the PIO to supply information to the appellant on receipt of complaint from the appellant regarding the action taken thereon.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
13.09.2022**

**Sd/-  
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**Public Information Officer/**

Chief Vigilance Officer,  
Vigilance Branch, Local Govt. Deptt.,  
Punjab, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Bodies, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.2219 of 2022**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector, Town Planning Wing  
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh in person.

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 04.02.2022 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.03.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 06.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant has not come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex. However, Shri Gurmej Lal has informed through telephonic message that the appellant is unwell and is not in a position to attend the hearing and thus, has sought adjournment.

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3. Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector O/o Town Planning Wing, Directorate of Local Govt., Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the RTI application was received in Town Planning Wing and the same has been transferred to Chief Vigilance Officer, Vigilance Branch, Local Govt. Department, Punjab vide letter dated 02.03.2022 to whom the information sought pertains.

4. In view of the version of Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector, Town Planning Wing, Directorate of Local Govt. Punjab, the Chief Vigilance Officer, Vigilance Branch, Local Govt. Department, Punjab is impleaded as Respondent No.2. He is directed to supply information to the appellant before the next hearing. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
13.09.2022**

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- 2) Public Information Officer, O/o Town Planning Wing,  
Directorate of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.**

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O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Bodies, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.572 of 2022**

**Present:**

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

**ORDER:**

1. The above said appeal case which was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg has been reallocated to Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 12.07.2022.
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant has not come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex. However, Shri Gurmej Lal has informed through telephonic message that the appellant is unwell and is not in a position to attend the hearing and thus, has sought adjournment.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab has come present to attend the hearing in person nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing. The perusal of the previous orders reveals that Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector O/o Town Planning Wing, Directorate of Local Govt., Punjab had been attending the hearing and the PIO O/o

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Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana had been impleaded as Respondent vide order dated 15.06.2022. However, none on behalf of the PIOs has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.

4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter. As such, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is directed to supply information to the appellant and also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing, failing which the Bench will be constrained to issue bailable warrant to ensure his presence before the Bench.

5 With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 19.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
13.09.2022**

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**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Bodies, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.3710 of 2020**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Ramaninder Singh, Sr. Assistant/APIO, Local Govt.-1 Branch,  
O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh-in person.
- (iii) Shri Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant, Municipal Services Cell,  
O/o Directorate of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh in person.

**ORDER:**

1. The above said appeal case which was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg has been reallocated to Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 12.07.2022.
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant has not come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex. However, Shri Gurmej Lal has informed through telephonic message that the appellant is unwell and is not in a position to attend the hearing and thus, has sought adjournment.
3. Shri Ramaninder Singh, Senior Assistant/APIO O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the complaint dated 10.08.2020 referred to in RTI application dated 28.08.2020 on which action taken report has been sought by the appellant is not available in the office of Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab. As such, letter dated 06.07.2022 was written to the appellant to send a copy of the said complaint so that further action on the complaint can be taken, but no response from the appellant has been received.

4. In view of the version of the PIO, the appellant is advised to send a copy of complaint dated 11.01.2022 to the PIO O/o Local Govt.-1 Branch, O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh as well as a copy of the same to the Commission as the same is also not available with the RTI application. The PIO is also directed to contact the appellant on his mobile phone.

5. The Bench directs the PIO to supply information to the appellant on receipt of complaint from the appellant regarding the action taken thereon.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
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....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.2712 of 2022**

**Present:**

- (i) **Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, Appellant- in person.**
- (ii) **Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Sr. Assistant, General Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.**

**ORDER:**

1. The above said appeal case which was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg has been reallocated to Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 12.07.2022.
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, and Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Smt. Sunita Sharma states that letters dated 15.02.2022 and 30.03.2022 were written to the appellant asking for the deposit of fee for the supply of information but the same has not been deposited. She further states that for supply information on point No.4, RTI application has also been transferred to PIO-cum-Section Officer (Accounts Branch), PIO-cum-Superintendent, Establishment Branch and PIO-cum-Law Officer, Legal Cell to supply information directly to the appellant.

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4. The appellant denies receipt of the above said letters. On the asking of the Bench, the PIO hands over copy of the letter to the appellant.

5. On hearing the version of the PIOs of General Branch, the Bench observes that although more than one PIO are involved in the present appeal case, yet the Bench has entertained this appeal case.

6 Further, post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIOs concerned to call the appellant to office of PIO and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspection of records, will identify the information and the same be provided to him free of cost, before the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
13.09.2022**

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O/o Directorate of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.**
- iii) PIO-cum-Section Officer O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh.**
- iv) PIO-cum-Law Officer O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh.**

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....Appellant

Versus

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O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.2713 of 2022**

**Present:**

- (i) Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, Appellant- in person.
- (ii) Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Sr. Assistant, General Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.
- (iii) Shr Rajiv Saggar, Superintendent, Vigilance Branch O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, in person.

**ORDER:**

1. The above said appeal case which was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg has been reallocated to Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 12.07.2022.
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, and Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Smt. Sunita Sharma states that the information has been supplied to the appellant on points No.1,3,4,5 & 6 vide letter dated 15.02.2022 and again vide letter dated 22.03.2022 and point No.2 relates to Vigilance Branch. Shri Rajiv Saggar, Superintendent, Vigilance Branch comes present in person and states that information on point No.2 has been supplied vide letter dated 12.09.2022 by registered post.

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4. The appellant denies receipt of the above said letters. On the asking of the Bench, the PIOs hand over copy of the letters to the appellant. On perusing the letters, he expresses dis-satisfaction over the information supplied.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIOs concerned to call the appellant to allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspection of records, will identify the information and the same be provided to him free of cost before the next hearing. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
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**Sd/-  
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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- ii) PIO/Chief Vigilance Officer, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh.**

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O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.2719 of 2022**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, Appellant- in person.**  
(ii) **Shri Manoj Kumar, Sr. Asstt. & Shri Prince, Clerk, Local Govt.-3 Branch  
O/o Addl.Chief Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.**

**ORDER:**

1. The above said appeal case which was earlier allocated to Hon'ble SIC Shri Sanjeev Garg has been reallocated to Hon'ble SIC Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma vide order dated 12.07.2022.
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has not received any information so far.
3. Shri Manoj Kumar, Senior Assistant, Local Govt.-3 Branch, O/o Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant has sought action taken report on a complaint dated 17.09.2021 made by him and the appellant was called to office to apprise them exactly of the information required by him. He further states that some points of RTI application relate to Chief Vigilance Officer O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh..

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4. As per version of representative of PIO, the PIO O/o Chief Vigilance Officer in the Directorate of Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh is impleaded as respondent No.2. The PIO O/o Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIOs i.e. PIO O/o Addl. Chief Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh and PIO/Chief Vigilance Officer O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh to call the appellant to allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspection of records, will identify the information and the same be provided to him free of cost before the next hearing. Both the PIOs are also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,  
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....Respondents

**AC No.2711 of 2022**

**Present:**

- (i) Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, Appellant- in person.
- (ii) Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Sr. Assistant, General Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.
- (iii) Shr Rajiv Saggur, Superintendent, Vigilance Branch O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, in person.

**ORDER:**

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2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, and Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Smt. Sunita Sharma states that the reply to the RTI application has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 15.02.2022 and again vide letter dated 22.03.2022 and that point No.3 relates to PIO-cum-Section Officer, Accounts Branch O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab to whom RTI application has been transferred.

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4. The appellant denies receipt of the above said letters. On the asking of the Bench, the PIOs hand over copy of the letters to the appellant. On perusing the letters, he expresses dis-satisfaction over the reply given to him.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIOs concerned i.e. PIOs of General Branch and Accounts Branch to call the appellant to allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspection of records, will identify the information and the same be provided to him free of cost before the next hearing. They are also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Addl. Chief Secretary,  
Local Government, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.2716 of 2022**

**Present:**

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

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