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Sh. Tejinder Singh Advocate Civil Court, Cabin No. 602, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender Phillaur 144410 9041004313

....Appellant

vs Public Information Officer **Registered** o/o Naib Tehsildar-cum-Joint Sub Registrar, Sahnewal, District Ludhiana

Sh. Baljinder Singh 8146100702 First Appellate Authority-cum-S.D.M. (East)District Ludhiana

Public Information Officer o/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana Registered

Registered

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1025 of 2021

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 9.9.2021.

2. The appellant has sent the written submissions that the respondent Public Information Officer has not complied with the orders of the Commission dated 12 August 2021. However, due to strike by the officials of the respondent authority none is present, therefore, the case is adjourned, with the directions to the respondent Public Information Officer office of the Naib Tehsildar –cum-Joint Sub Registrar and Public Information Officer office of the Deputy Commissioner (HRC branch) to file the reply as per the orders of the Commission dated 12th August 2021 before the next date of hearing failing which the punitive action will be initiated on the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on 15.11.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana/cisco webex.

Dated: 13.10.2021

sd (Suresh Arora) Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.

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Smt. Manpreet Kaur w/o Er. Darshan Singh r/o House No. 1732/6 Mohalla Sujapuria, Jagraon District Ludhiana 142026, 9463340560

....Appellant

VS

Ms Kanwaljit Kaur, Supdt. **Registered** Public Information Officer o/o S.D.M. Jagraon, District Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority o/o Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2498 of 2021 (Video Conference Proceedings) Smt. Manpreet Kaur, appellant. 9417265263 None on behalf of the respondents. 814626150.

ORDER

Present:-

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.9.2021.

2. The appellant states that she met the dealing hand of the respondent authority and requested that he is having all the complaints action taken of which has been sought by her and requested to certify the copy of the said complaints but the respondent authority has not supplied the same duly certified. None is present on behalf of the respondent authority due to strike by the officials of the respondent authority but the respondent-Public Information Officer was directed to clarify regarding point No.1 of the RTI application i.e. the action taken on the letter sent by the Deputy Commissioner to the Sub Divisional Magistrate but no specific reply has been received from her although she has sent the written submissions that RSA 2698/2019 regarding Court Complex is pending in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and next date of hearing is 31.11.2021. Video Conference Facility was introduced for convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent seriously, Ms Kanwaljit Kaur, Supdt-cum-Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing wilful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant. Contd..p/2

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In addition to the written reply, the PIO is also 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 take note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

3. Also the appellant is given a last opportunity to provide the number/dates on which the application had been sent to the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jagraon, action of which has been sought by her to enable the respondent authority to trace the same. The respondent Public Information Officer is also directed to file the reply regarding point number one of the RTI application before the next date of hearing.

4. To come up on 15.11.2021 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

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Dated: 13.10.2021

(Suresh Arora) Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab.