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Respondent

Sh. Sanjiv Goyal s/o (9814197689)

Sh. Ashok Kumar, H.No.148, Model Town, Phase-I, Bathinda 151001.

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o Improvement Trust,

Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o Improvement Trust, Bathinda

Appeal Case No.: 902 of 2021

Heard Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Sanjiv Goyal, Appellant

Dated: 15.03.2022 (11:00 AM)

(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent

Order

- 1. This order may be read with the previous order dated: 9.9.2021 vide which appellant was directed to point out the deficiency in the supplied information by 13.09.2021. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 15.03.2022 i.e. today.
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant is present and states that letter regarding deficiency has already been sent to the respondent PIO on 10.09.2021 in connection with point no. 11 of the RTI application, as per the directions of the Commission vide order dated 09.09.2021.
- 3. Respondent PIO is absent in-spite of knowing about the date, which shows his causal approach towards the Orders of the Commission. A final opportunity is availed to him to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively along with directions to remove the deficiency in connection with point no. 10 within ten days after receipt of this order. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post for his ready reference.
- 4. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **10.05.2022** 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)
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(Show Cause)

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o MC, Bathinda

Dated: 15.3.2022 (11:00 AM)

First Appellate Authority

O/o MC, Bathinda Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 904 of 2021 Heard Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Sanjiv Goyal, Appellant

(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent

Order

- 1. This order may be read with the previous order dated: 9.9.2021 vide which appellant was directed to point out the deficiency in the supplied information by 13.09.2021. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 15.03.2022 i.e. today.
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant is present and states that letter regarding deficiency has already been sent to the respondent PIO on 10.09.2021 in connection with point no. 11 of the RTI application, as per the directions of the Commission vide order dated 09.09.2021.
- 3. Respondent PIO is absent in-spite of knowing about the date, which shows his causal approach towards the Orders of the Commission.
- 4. In view of the foregoing, <u>respondent PIO, O/o MC, Bathinda</u> is directed to <u>show cause</u> 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.

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.

5. With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **10.05.2022** at **11:00** A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Sh. Himanshu Raj (9988200001)

102, Sector-10-A, Chandigarh

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

Dated: 15.3.2022

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb, Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2551 of 2021 Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Himanshu Raj, the appellant in person.

(ii) For the respondent: Davinder Kumar (Superintendent)

Order:

- 1. This is with reference to earlier order dated 2.3.2022 where Ms Sapna, Advocate attended the court on behalf of Sh. Himanshu Raj, Advocate(Appellant) and requested for adjournment as Sh. Himanshu Raj, Advocate was busy. Request was granted; hearing was adjourned to 15.03.2022 i.e. today.
- 2. In today's hearing Sh. Himanshu Raj, Advocate appears and informs that the affidavit produced/submitted by the department is ultra contradictory to the sought information vide his RTI application and pleads the court to direct the respondent department not to waste his precious time as well as of the court.
- 3. He further states that the affidavit has no relevance with the sought information which has been prepared by the department. He again states that he is a positive lawyer and promises that he will not harm anybody with the information, if he receives from the department. He pleads the court to intervene in the matter and advise the department to supply the information.
- 4. Respondent, Sh. Davinder Kumar states that concerned respondent PIO, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur is on leave and Sh. Gurbax Singh, APIO is busy in some other official work. He requests for an adjournment on behalf of the PIO and APIO.
- 5. In view of above, both the parties are advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case.
- 6. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **6.4.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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