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Shri Rajesh Gupta,
President, Social Reformers,
216, Bharat Nagar,
Ludhiana-141001

Versus

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer
O/o Chairman, Ludhiana
Improvement Trust,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chairman, Ludhiana
Improvement Trust,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2688 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Rajesh Gupta, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Rama Shankar, Clerk, Ludhiana Improvement Trust,
Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 25.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Shri Rajesh Gupta comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he has not received any information from the PIO.
3. Shri Rama Shankar, Clerk O/o Ludhiana Improvement Trust, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 12.02.2021 by registered post. On the asking of the Bench, as to whether the appellant was called to the office to inspect the official records as also to identify the information required by him, he replies in negative.
4. The Bench observes that the information sent on 12.02.2021 has still not been received by the appellant. The Bench further observes that the PIO has not complied with the directions given by the Bench on the previous hearing in letter and spirit. As such, he has shown casual approach towards the directions of Bench which is viewed adversely.

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5. The PIO, O/o Chairman, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for non-compliance of the directions given by the Bench during the previous hearing. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case does not file the written reply 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

7. The Bench again directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow the appellant access to the official records. The appellant will identify the information on inspection of the official records. The PIO will provide the same to the appellant before next hearing. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit as per directions given during the previous hearing. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 04.05.2021 at 11.30 before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
16.02.2021
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O/o Chairman, Ludhiana
Improvement Trust,
Ludhiana.

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Shri Gurmej Lal,
Whistle Blower,
H.No.6375, Street No.16,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,
PO Daba, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2696 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, Appellant**
(ii) **Shri Satish Kumar, ATP/PIO, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.**

ORDER

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 25.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Satish Kumar, AT-cum-PIO, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 28.09.2020 and again on 23.10.2020 by speed post.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he is not satisfied with the information supplied as the same is not as per his RTI application.
5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office on 08.03.2021 at 02.30 PM and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information after perusing the relevant record and the PIO will provide the information so identified by the appellant before the next hearing.

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6. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 04.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
16.02.2021**

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Shri Sarabjeet Singh Gill,
H.No.60-37-P-376-1, Street No.8,
Maha Singh Nagar,
PO Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2691 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, on behalf of the Appellant**
(ii) **Shri Satish Kumar, ATP/PIO, Zone-C and Ms. Rajvir Kaur, Building Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.**

ORDER

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 25.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant. He states that the appellant is not satisfied with the information supplied.
3. Shri Satish Kumar, ATP-cum-PIO, Zone-C, and Ms. Rajbir Kaur, Building Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana come present to attend the hearing through V.C. Ms. Rajbir Kaur states that the reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 23.09.2020 sent by registered post on 26.09.2020. She further states that the information asked for is voluminous and no specific information has been sought by the appellant.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office on 08.03.2021 at 02.30 PM and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information after perusing the relevant record and the PIO will provide the information so identified by the appellant before the next hearing.

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5. The PIO Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is directed to file an affidavit before the next hearing 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.2691 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 04.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chairman,
Improvement Trust,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chairman,
Improvement Trust,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2700 of 2020

Present:

- (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant.**
- (ii) **Shri Rama Shankar, Clerk O/o Ludhiana Improvement Trust, Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 25.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Rama Shankar, Clerk O/o Ludhiana Improvement Trust, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 12.10.2020. He further states that if any other clarification is required by the appellant, he can contact the Technical Branch of their office directly.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he is not satisfied with the information supplied by the PIO.

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5. Post deliberations, the Bench direct the PIO to call the appellant to his office on 15.03.2021 at 11.30 AM and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information after perusing the relevant record and the PIO will provide the information so identified by the appellant before the next hearing.

6. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 04.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jasbir Singh
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R/o Village BolapurJhabewal,
Post Office Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.2752 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, PIO, O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh in person before the Bench.**

ORDER

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 25.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that as per demand made by the PIO, he has deposited Rs.600/- in lieu of the information to be supplied to him comprising 300 pages, but he has received information comprising only 10 pages.
3. Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, PIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh comes present to attend the hearing before the Bench in person. She states that the information comprising nearly 300 pages has been sent by e.mail to the appellant on 15.02.2021 and that the hard copy will be sent by registered post shortly. She also produces the hard copy of information before the Bench.

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4. Post deliberations with the appellant and the PIO, the Bench directs the PIO to refund the amount of Rs.600/- (collected for supplying 300 pages of information) to the appellant as the respondent has failed to supply the information within the prescribed period as per RTI Act and is not justified. The PIO is also directed to send hard copy of the information to the appellant by registered post today itself.

5. The appellant is advised to go through the information supplied and point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied. The deficiencies, if any, pointed out by the appellant be removed and rectified information be supplied by the PIO before next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 04.05.2021 before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
16.02.2021**

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