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Sh. Gurmej Lal,  
R/o H.No.6375, Street No.16,  
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,  
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,  
Near Mair Di Chakki, 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.1011 of 2020**

- Present:**
- (i) **Sh.Balwinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant.**
  - (ii) **Shri Ravinder Singh, Draftsman, M.C. Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**Heard through Video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 02.12.2019 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 03.01.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.03.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.06.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. Sh.Balwinder Singh attends the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant and states that he has been given authority letter by the appellant to attend the hearing.
4. Shri Ravinder Singh, Draftsman, M.C. Ludhiana attends the hearing on behalf the PIO. He states that he has brought with him the reply to the RTI application. On the asking of the Court, he hands over a copy to the appellant. The appellant goes through the reply and states that the information supplied is unsatisfactory.

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5. After discussion with both the representative of appellant and the representative of PIO, the PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next hearing. PIO is also directed to file an affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the entire information in AC No.1011 of 2020 as available in the official records, has been provided and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.07.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
16.06.2020**

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**AC No.1015 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Sh.Balwinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant.**  
(ii) **Shri Parshotam Lal, SDO, M.C. Ludhiana / PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**Heard through Video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 16.12.2019 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 17.01.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.03.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.06.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. Sh.Balwinder Singh attends the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant and states that he has been given authority letter by the appellant to attend the hearing and further states that no information has been provided to the appellant.
4. Shri Parshotam Lal, SDO, M.C. Ludhiana/PIO attends the hearing. He states that the reply to the RTI application relating to Zone B has already been given. The Bench points out that no copy of the reply is available in the relevant file being maintained in the Commission, however, a copy of reply received from Zone-A has been received in the Commission.



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**AC No.1015/2020**

5. After discussion with both the representative of appellant and the PIO, the appellant is advised to visit the office of PIO of the Municipal Corporation, Zone-B to peruse the relevant record and identify the documents as per his RTI application. PIO is directed to supply copies of the documents so identified by the appellant.

6. The PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next hearing. PIO is also directed to file an affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the entire information in AC No.1015 of 2020 as available in the official records, has been provided and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.07.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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....Respondents

**AC No.1016 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Sh.Balwinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant.**  
(ii) **Ms. Swinder Kaur, Building Inspector, M.C. Ludhiana / APIO.**

**ORDER:**

**Heard through Video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 18.12.2019 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 21.01.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.03.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.06.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. Sh.Balwinder Singh attends the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant and states that he has been given authority letter by the appellant to attend the hearing and further states that no information has been provided to the appellant.
4. Ms. Swinder Kaur, Building Inspector, M.C. Ludhiana/APIO attends the hearing. She states that the reply to the RTI application has already been given. The representative of the appellant states that the appellant is not satisfied with the information supplied.



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**AC No.1016/2020**

5. After discussion with both the representative of appellant and the PIO, the appellant is advised to visit the office of PIO of the Municipal Corporation to peruse the relevant record and identify the documents as per his RTI application. PIO is directed to supply copies of the documents so identified by the appellant.

6. PIO is also directed to file an affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the entire information in AC No.1016 of 2020 as available in the official records, has been provided and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.07.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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**AC No.600 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Sh.Balwinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant.**  
(ii) **Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, M.C. Ludhiana**  
**On behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**Heard through Video Conferencing**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.03.2020 passed by this Commission on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. Sh.Balwinder Singh attends the hearing on behalf of the appellant and states that he has been given authority letter by the appellant to attend the hearing and further states that no information has been provided to the appellant and that as per information sent, it is stated to be available on the website of the Municipal Corporation.
4. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, M.C. Ludhiana attends the hearing on behalf of PIO. He states that the reply to the RTI application has been sent by e.mail today in the morning. Shri Ajay Kumar further states that the information regarding the challans and assessment is available on the website of the Municipal Corporation from which it can be downloaded.
5. After discussing the matter with the parties, the PIO is directed to supply the relevant link of the website from which the appellant may download the same.



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**AC No.600/2020**

6. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the information sought in AC No.600/2020 is available on the website of the Municipal Corporation Ludhiana in Link [www.mcludhiana.gov.in](http://www.mcludhiana.gov.in). The website stands updated upto June, 2020. The statement is correct and authentic.

7. With the aforesaid directions, **the appeal is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.1049 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Sh.Balwinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant.**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**Heard through Video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 16.11.2019 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 18.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.03.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.06.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. Sh.Balwinder Singh attends the hearing on behalf of the appellant and states that he has been given authority letter by the appellant to attend the hearing and further states that no information has been provided to the appellant.
4. Neither the PIO comes present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed anybody to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO, M.C. Ludhiana nor any intimation has been received in this regard. The Bench takes serious note of the absence of PIO
5. The PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone-C, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and 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 not supplying the information to the appellant. 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.

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**AC No.1049/2020**

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 he 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. The PIO is directed to come in person on the next date of hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.07.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

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

.....Respondents

**AC No.734 of 2020**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant is absent
- (ii) Shri Gurpal Singh, APIO O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, on behalf of the PIO.

**ORDER:**

**Heard through Video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 28.10.2019 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 20.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.06.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. Sh.Jasbir Singh, appellant is absent. He has, however, sent a letter dated 06.06.2020 stating that the information sought by him has not been provided to him.
4. Shri Gurpal Singh, APIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab comes in person before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. He requests for additional time to enable them to send reply to the appellant.
5. Acceding to the request of the APIO, additional time is given to the PIO to supply the requisite information to the appellant.



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**AC No.734/2020**

6. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the complete information as available in the official records in AC No.734 of 2020 has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The statement is correct and authentic.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.07.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** The PIO is directed to appear in person in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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**First Appellate Authority**

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

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority, Ludhiana

....Respondents

**AC No.771 of 2020**

**Present:**

- (i) **Appellant is absent**
- (ii) **Shri Gurpal Singh, APIO O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**Heard through Video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 13.10.2019 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 28.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.06.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. Sh.Jasbir Singh, appellant is absent. He has, however, sent a letter dated 06.06.2020 stating that the information sought by him has not been provided to him.
4. Shri Gurpal Singh, APIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab comes in person before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. He states that the RTI application of the appellant has been transferred under Section 6(3)of RTI Act to the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana and produces a copy of letter dated 21.01.2020 to this effect..



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**AC No.771/2020**

5. The Bench observes that RTI Application is dated 13.10.2019 and the office of S.T.C. Punjab has taken nearly three months to transfer the application whereas the information has to be supplied to the appellant within a month from the date of receipt of RTI application. The office of S.T.C. has chosen to remain silent for almost three months in utter disregard to the provisions under the RTI Act in this respect. The Bench expresses its concern over such type of functioning of the office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab.

6. In view of the fact that the RTI application stands transferred to the Secretary, RTA Ludhiana, the Secretary, RTA Ludhiana is impleaded as Public Information Officer and is directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. The PIO is also directed to come in person on the next date of hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.07.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** The PIO is directed to appear in person in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Sector-17, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o O/o Director, State  
Transport Deptt., Punjab,  
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.737 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) Appellant is absent.  
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

**ORDER:**

**Heard through Video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 29.10.2019 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 28.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.03.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.06.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. Sh.Jasbir Singh, appellant is absent. He has, however, sent a letter dated 06.06.2020 stating that the information sought by him has not been provided to him.
4. Neither the PIO comes present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed anybody to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO nor any intimation has been received in this regard. The Bench takes serious note of the absence of PIO
5. The PIO O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and 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 not supplying the information to the appellant. 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.

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**AC No.737/2020**

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 he 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. The PIO is directed to come in person on the next date of hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.07.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Sector-17, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o O/o Director, State  
Transport Deptt., Punjab,  
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.956 of 2020**

**Present:**

- (i) **Appellant is absent.**  
(ii) **Sh.Sukhwinder Singh, Clerk O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, Chd.  
on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**Heard through Video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 19.10.2019 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 17.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.03.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.06.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. Sh.Jasbir Singh, appellant is absent. He has, however, sent a letter dated 06.06.2020 stating that the information sought by him, has been provided partially.
4. Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Clerk O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present on behalf of the PIO at the Commission. He states that the information regarding the Senior Assistants and SSI has already been sent vide letter dated 21.11.2019. The information regarding Assistant Mechanical Engineers, Works Manager and Traffic Managers has been sent vide letter dated 10.12.2019 and he produces a copy of the same before the Bench. As regard the remaining information regarding Clerks/Junior Assistants/ Stenos, he produces a statement containing the said information before the Court which is taken on record.

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**AC No.956/2020**

5. The PIO is now directed to send this balance information by registered post to the appellant. The appellant was contacted on phone to explain the case as also to ascertain the position regarding the receipt of earlier information, he confirms having received the earlier sent information and also gives his consent to close the case.

6. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the complete information as available in the official records in AC No.956 of 2020 has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information is correct and authentic.

7. With the aforesaid directions, **the appeal is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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**First Appellate Authority**

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

....Respondents

**AC No.735 of 2020**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant is absent.  
(ii) Sh.Amardeep Singh, Clerk O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana  
on behalf of the PIO.

**ORDER**

**Heard through Video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 13.10.2019 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 28.12.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.06.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. The case has been heard through V.C. at DC Office, Ludhiana. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant is absent today for the hearing. He has, however, sent letter dated 06.06.2020 stating that he has received reply from the PIO to the effect that the information sought cannot be supplied under provisions of Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.
4. Shri Amardeep Singh, Clerk O/o RTA Ludhiana attends hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that the appellant has already been given reply vide letter dated 24.10.2019 and 16.12.2019 and that the information sought being personal and third party cannot be supplied as per provisions of section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.



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5. The Bench agrees with the contention of the respondent and finds that no larger public interest is served by providing personal information of the Government employees to the appellant. This promotes no public activity or interest and hence, the information has been correctly denied.

6. In view of the above, **the appeal is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
16.06.2020**

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

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R/o Guru Nanak Colony,  
Village Bolapur Jhabewal  
PO Ramgarh, Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o State Transport Commissioner,  
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....Respondents

**AC No.770 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant is absent.**  
(ii) **Sh.Amardeep Singh, Clerk O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana**  
**on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER**

**Heard through Video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 24.07.2019 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 24.08.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.02.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 16.06.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. The case has been heard through V.C. at DC Office, Ludhiana. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant is absent today for the hearing. He has, however, sent letter dated 06.06.2020 stating that he has received reply from the PIO to the effect that the information sought cannot be supplied due to the apprehension that fake books of traffic challans can be got printed.
4. Shri Amardeep Singh, Clerk O/o RTA Ludhiana attends hearing on behalf of the PIO. He makes reference to letter dated 03.06.2020 and letter dated 12.06.2020 that the information sought cannot be supplied as per the apprehension made therein.



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5. Looking into the contention of the representative of PIO/respondent, the Bench peruses the RTI application and does not agree with the contention of the PIO and directs the PIO to supply the information to the appellant. For this purpose, PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office on any appointed working day. The appellant will visit the office of PIO when asked and peruse the official records to identify the documents as per his RTI application. The PIO will make available the information so identified before the next date of hearing.

6. With the above directions, **the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 21.07.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
16.06.2020**

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**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Principal Secretary to  
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....Respondents

**AC No.4031/2019 along with AC No.3963 of 2019**

- Present:**
- (i) Appellant is absent.
  - (ii) Sh.Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Director, Local Govt. Pb. Chd.  
On behalf of the PIO.
  - (iii) Sh.Pardeep Bhatti, Clerk, O/o D.C. Ludhiana.

**ORDER:**

**Heard through Video Conferencing**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.03.2020 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. The appellant is absent. He has, however, sent letter dated 07.06.2020 stating that he has not been provided the information by the PIO/ respondents and has requested to get the same made available to him.
4. Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab comes present in person before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh, on behalf of the PIO. He refers to the letter dated 17.03.2020, copy of which is available in the case file, wherein the impleaded PIO Ms. Monika, Municipal Town Planner has given reply. The reply is accepted.
5. The Bench, however, does not accept the reply to the RTI application contained in the same letter dated 17.03.2020. The appellant has sought action taken report on the complaint submitted by him to



the D.C. Ludhiana as well as the Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab regarding the fire incidents in Ludhiana city due to the commercial activities running in the residential areas. As such, the response is not appropriate.

6. In view of this observation, the Bench directs the PIOs concerned to provide information to the appellant as per his RTI application as the information asked for is in the larger public interest as from the complaint of the appellant, it is well implied that remedial measures were to be taken to prevent occurrence of such incidents in future due to commercial activities running in the congested residential areas of Ludhiana city.

7. The representative of the D.C. Ludhiana states the PIO of D.C. office, Ludhiana had been exempted from appearance vide order dated 05.02.2020. PIO, O/o D.C. Ludhiana is no more exempted from appearance as intervention of D.C. Ludhiana is equally necessary for the prevention of such commercial activities in residential areas of Ludhiana city. As such, he is directed to come in person on the next date of hearing. The PIO of Directorate of Local Govt. Punjab as well as the impleaded PIO Ms. Monika, M.T.P. are directed to attend the hearing through V.C. on the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 21.07.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Copies of the order be sent to the parties concerned.

**Chandigarh  
16.06.2020**

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**Copy to:**

1. Public Information Officer O/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana, to attend the hearing through V.C. in DC Office Ludhiana on the above said date and time.
2. Ms. Monika, Municipal Town Planner/PIO, O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana to attend the hearing through V.C. on the above said date & time.
3. PIO O/o Senior Town Planner, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Sector-35, Chandigarh to attend the hearing in person in Commission's office at Chandigarh.