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Shri Surinder Kumar Singal,
541, Sector-33B,
Chandigarh.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Greater Mohali Area Development
Authority (GMADA), Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Administrator,
Greater Mohali Area Development
Authority (GMADA), Mohali.

...Respondents

AC No.4395/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Vipul Babuta, Advocate on behalf of the Appellant-cisco webex.**
(ii) **Shri Gurwinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer, GMADA, Mohali,
PIO/Respondent-cisco webex.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Advocate Vipul Babuta comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant through cisco webex.
3. Shri Gurwinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer/ PIO, GMADA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the appellant was called for inspection of records on 03.10.2022 vide letter dated 20.09.2022 and the appellant was allowed inspection of records by Regulatory Branch of GMADA and given necessary information which was received by him on the same day.
4. The representative of appellant Shri Vipul Babuta confirms that the appellant had visited the office of PIO. However, the appellant is not satisfied with the information supplied, as complete information as identified by the appellant after inspection of records has not been supplied to him.
5. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of appellant states that as per para 6 of the order dated 05.09.2022, complete information has not been provided to the appellant as the status report regarding the demolition order has not been apprised to the appellant. .
6. Post deliberations, though the Bench is convinced that adequate information has been supplied to the appellant, however, directs the PIO to supply point-wise information again to the appellant taking into consideration the contention raised by the representative of appellant, before the next date of hearing.
7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
17.10.2022**

**Sd/-
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
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Shri Jang Bahadur,
S/o Shri Jai Chand,
R/o Mandi Aminganj, Roranwali,
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

..... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer(DDPO), Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer(DDPO), Fazilka.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1847 of 2021

Present:- (i) **Shri Jang Bahadur, Appellant- cisco webex.**
(ii) **Shri Rajiv Kumar, Panchayat Secretary and Shri Chander Bhan, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mandi Aminganh, Block Jalalabad, District Fazilka, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 05.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jang Bahadur, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that neither the information has been supplied to him nor the compensation amount of Rs.5000/- has been paid to him.
3. Shri Rajiv Kumar, Panchayat Secretary and Shri Chander Bhan, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mandi Aminganh, Block Jalalabad, District Fazilka, come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO, O/o DDPO, Fazilka come present in person before the Bench. However, they are not aware of the complete facts of the case.
4. The Bench observes that neither the appellant has been provided the information and compensation nor reply to the Show Cause Notice has been filed by the PIO. The Bench takes serious note of the fact that the PIO O/o DDPO Fazilka has chosen not to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and has deputed the officials to attend the hearing who are not even aware of the facts of the case. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that the appellant has sought information on two complaints dated 07.03.2020 and 07.08.2020 made by him to the Director, Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab,

which have been sent to the DDPO Fazilka vide letter dated 09.10.2022 to take action as per Govt. instructions/Rules. However, not to speak of apprising the appellant of the action taken on the complaints, the PIO O/o DDPO Fazilka has not even bothered to attend even a single hearing before the Commission. The presence of his representatives has been possible before the Bench only owing to the issuance of bailable warrants twice.

5. Now, the Bench directs the PIO, O/o DDPO, Fazilka and the DDPO, Fazilka to ensure to provide the attested copies of sought for information and to pay the amount of compensation of Rs.5,000/- to the appellant by cheque or demand draft from the account of public authority as also to file reply to the show cause notice before the next date of hearing. The PIO is also directed to come present before the Bench bringing along the copy of information supplied, proof of having paid the compensation and reply to the show cause notice as well as the original record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.11.2022 at 11:30 am in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

..... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer(DDPO), Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer(DDPO), Fazilka.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1845 of 2021

Present:- (i) **Shri Jang Bahadur, Appellant- cisco webex.**
(ii) **Shri Rajiv Kumar, Panchayat Secretary and Shri Chander Bhan, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mandi Aminganh, Block Jalalabad, District Fazilka, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

1. This Order may be read with reference to the Order dated 05.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jang Bahadur, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that neither the information has been supplied to him nor the compensation amount of Rs.5000/- has been paid to him.
3. Shri Rajiv Kumar, Panchayat Secretary and Shri Chander Bhan, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mandi Aminganh, Block Jalalabad, District Fazilka, come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO, O/o DDPO, Fazilka come present in person before the Bench. However, they are not aware of the complete facts of the case.
4. The Bench observes that neither the appellant has been provided the information and compensation nor reply to the Show Cause Notice has been filed by the PIO. The Bench takes serious note of the fact that the PIO O/o DDPO Fazilka has chosen not to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and has deputed the officials to attend the hearing who are not even aware of the facts of the case. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that the appellant has sought information on a complaint dated 02.09.2020 made by him to the Director, Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab, which has been sent to

the DDPO Fazilka vide letter dated 11.11.2022 to enquire into the allegations made against the Sarpanch and submit a report. However, not to speak of apprising the appellant of the action taken on that complaint, the PIO O/o DDPO Fazilka has not even bothered to attend even a single hearing before the Commission. The presence of his representatives has been possible before the Bench only owing to the issuance of bailable warrants twice.

5. Now, the Bench directs the PIO, O/o DDPO, Fazilka and the DDPO, Fazilka to ensure to provide the attested copies of sought for information and to pay the amount of compensation of Rs.5,000/- to the appellant by cheque or demand draft from the account of public authority as also to file reply to the show cause notice before the next date of hearing. The PIO is also directed to come present before the Bench, bringing along the copy of information supplied, proof of having paid the compensation and reply to the show cause notice as well as the original record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.11.2022 at 11:30 am in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, RTI Activist
Whistle Blower, President, NCAG Office,
Street No.5,, H.No.1331-5,
Vishawkarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road,
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana-141003.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Station House Officer,
Police Station, Shimlapuri,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5470 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Appellant with Shri Gurmej Lal- cisco webex,**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He reiterates the version made during previous hearing that the PIO has not provided information taking the plea that the appellant is not a member of any organization or institution and thus, not entitled to seek the information sought by him.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor any information has been provided to the appellant, in spite of directions issued by the First Appellate Authority vide letter dated 26.09.2022. The Bench observes that during the previous hearing, ASI Jaswinder Singh O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana had come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and on his request, the case was adjourned with the directions to provide information after allowing the appellant access to the relevant official records. However, the directions of the Bench still remain un-complied with.

4. The Bench gives another opportunity and directs the PIO O/o P.S. Shimlapuri, Ludhiana to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant after inspection of records will identify the information and the PIO will provide him information as may be identified by the appellant, before the next hearing. The PIO 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 03.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Station House Officer,
Police Station, Daba,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5474 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Appellant with Shri Gurmej Lal- cisco webex,**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He reiterates the version made during previous hearing that the PIO has not provided information taking the plea that the appellant is not a member of any organization or institution and thus, not entitled to seek the information sought by him.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor any information has been provided to the appellant. The Bench observes that during the previous hearing, ASI Jaswinder Singh O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana had come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench in Appeal Case No.5470/2021 of PS Shimlapuri and on his assertion that P.S. Daba is in their neighbourhood and he would convey directions of the Bench to PIO of P.S. Daba, the case was adjourned with the directions to provide information after allowing the appellant access to the relevant official records. However, the directions of the Bench still remain un-complied with, though the Bench believes that the directions of Bench must have been conveyed to the PIO O/o P.S. Daba.

4. The Bench gives another opportunity and directs the PIO O/o P.S.Daba, Ludhiana to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant after inspection of records will identify the information and the PIO will provide him information as may be identified by the appellant, before the next hearing. The PIO 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 03.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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S/o Shri Sampooran Singh,
Village Naraina, PO Bhagrana,
Block Khera, Tehsil Bassi Pathana,
District Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Development and,
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Block Khera,
District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development and,
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),
Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondents

AC No.3615 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Jagtar Singh, Appellant – in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jagtar Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. Neither the PIO O/o BDPO Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib has come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO nor through cisco webex. The PIO has also not supplied any information to the appellant.
4. During the previous hearing, Smt. Jaspreet Kaur, Superintendent O/o BDPO Khera had come present in person before the Bench and she had explained that the information sought by the appellant is voluminous in respect of Shri Rajinder Kumar, Panchayat Secretary and the PIO was directed to send appropriate reply to the appellant stating therein the position in different Gram Panchayats in Block Khera, also mentioning therein the



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AC No.3615/2021

number of PIOs involved in the information sought by the appellant as also the probable action involved in compilation of information sought. Copy of the same be sent to the Commission also, before the next hearing. The PIO was also directed to come present in person before the Bench. However, the PIO has not complied with the directions of the Bench. **The Bench is left with no other option but to issue Bailable Warrant to the PIO O/o BDPO Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib to ensure presence of PIO before the bench on the next date of hearing.**

5. The Bench directs the PIO O/o BDPO Khera to comply with the directions of the Bench given during the previous hearing in its entirety and ensure to come present in person before the Bench.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.11.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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17.10.2022**

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Shri Daljit Singh,
R/o H. No.23/7, Friends Colony,
Opposite D.A.V. College,
Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

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

...Respondents

AC No.4108/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Daljit Singh, Appellant- cisco webex.**
(ii) **Smt. Sushma Duggal, Assistant Town Planner/PIO, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar- in person.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/ through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Daljit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has not been provided information as sought by him.
3. Smt. Sushma Duggal, Assistant Town Planner/PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. She states that the information has been supplied to the appellant on 11.05.2021 informing the appellant that record of plans is maintained Plan No. and Date wise and the appellant was requested to apprise plan number and date details. She also produces before the Bench copy of challan for having deposited the amount of penalty in the Govt. treasury.
4. The appellant is contacted on mobile phone and is made to talk to Smt. Sushma Duggal who explains to the appellant the details of information supplied. Then the Bench talks to the appellant and the appellant expresses his dis-satisfaction over the reply of PIO.

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5. The PIO appraises the Bench that the case of the appellant is also pending before the Chief Vigilance Officer, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab as also before the Lok Pal, Punjab. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next hearing bringing along the entire relevant record. The appellant 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 17.11.2022 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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Smt. Inderjit Kaur,
R/o House No.146,
Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Near Tagore Hospital,
Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

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

...Respondents

AC No.4105/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Daljit Singh, on behalf of the Appellant-cisco webex.**
(ii) **Smt. Sushma Duggal, Assistant Town Planner/PIO, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar- in person.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/ through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Daljit Singh, comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant through cisco webex. He states that the appellant has not been provided information as sought by her.
3. Smt. Sushma Duggal, Assistant Town Planner/PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. She states that the information has been supplied to the appellant on 11.05.2021 informing the appellant that information on point No.1 & 2 was given and further on point No.3, it was stated that the appellant has not sought information on any specific building. She also produces before the Bench copy of challan for having deposited the amount of penalty in the Govt. treasury.
4. The representative of the appellant is contacted on mobile phone and is made to talk to Smt. Sushma Duggal who explains to the appellant the details of information supplied. Then the Bench talks to the representative of the appellant and the representative of appellant expresses his dis-satisfaction over the reply of PIO.

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5. The PIO appraises the Bench that the case of the appellant is also pending before the Chief Vigilance Officer, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab as also before the Lok Pal, Punjab. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next hearing bringing along the entire relevant record. The appellant 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 17.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Village Bolapur Jhabewal
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District Ludhiana-141123.

.....Appellant

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Greater Ludhiana Area Development
Authority (GLADA), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development
Authority (GLADA), Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.5382/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant- cisco webex.**
(ii) **Shri Amarjit Singh, Supdt.,O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, Respondent, in person.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 05.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that no information has been provided to him so far.
3. Shri Amarjit Singh, Superintendent O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He refers to letter dated 14.10.2022 addressed to the Bench and states that the RTI application of the appellant was transferred to H.O. PUDA vide letter dated 21.09.2021 and the appellant was informed by PUDA vide letter dated 25.10.2021 stating therein that the employee (Shri Shiv Kumar, J.E.) about whom information was sought, has refused consent to share information about him.
4. The appellant is contacted on mobile phone and is made to talk to the representative of PIO, who explains to him the reply given in this regard. Then the Bench talks to the appellant and apprises him that most of the information sought by him is personal and third party. However, on perusal of RTI application of the appellant, the Bench directs the PIO to supply information on point No.1,5,7, 8, 9 & 10 to the appellant before the next hearing and also apprises the appellant in this regard. The appellant agrees to it.
5. The Bench also directs the PIO and the appellant 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 17.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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H.No. 208, Aryan Enclave, Main Sua Road,
Near Geeta Mandir Chowk,
VPO Threke, Ludhiana (142028)

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No. 2620 of 2022

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Amarjit Singh, Superintendent O/o GLADA, Ludhiana on behalf of Respondent / PIO- in person.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference to the order dated 08.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. The Appellant, Shri Gagandeep Singh has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex. However, an e.mail dated 07.10.2022 has been received from him stating that the deficiencies were pointed out by him to the PIO, however, the information has not supplied after removing the deficiencies.
3. Shri Amarjit Singh, Superintendent, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana appears before the Bench on behalf of the PIO and states that the PIO has requested for adjournment as he has to attend an urgent meeting.
4. The request of the respondent is acceded to. The Bench, however, directs the PIO to supply the rectified information to the appellant after removing the deficiencies, with a copy to the Commission before the next hearing. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the parties are directed to come present on 17.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in person before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
17.10.2022**

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

