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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal (9814197689)
s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
148, Model Town,
Bathinda – 151001.

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)
O/o Improvement Trust, Bathinda

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority (By Name)
O/o Improvement Trust, Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2858 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Sanjeev Goyal on behalf of the appellant
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.09.2022
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is continuously absent third time in spite of registered post notice and orders issued to him by the Commission time and again. Respondent PIO was absent on the previous hearings held on 04.05.2022, 07.09.2022 and today itself.
4. The perusal of the file shows that, no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. They have neither informed the Commission about their absence nor they have filed their reply to the show-cause notice issued on the previous date of hearing. It is, thus apparent from the response of the PIO that there has been delay in providing the information. Appellant had also suffered financial loss in getting the information. There are systemic deficiencies in the manner of receiving and disposing of applications. The department still does not appear to be properly tuned to the performance of its obligations enshrined under the RTI Act. The departmental officials are not properly sensitized and trained to discharge their functions under the RTI Act 2005.

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5. From the material on record, it transpires that there has been unnecessary delay in conveying the correct State of affairs to the appellant in respect to his request for information. No explanation for delay has been given by him. Rather, his failure to even respond to the directions issued to him by the Commission reinforces the fact that he has been without any reasonable cause guilty of remissness in the discharge of his duties, therefore, deserves to be penalized.
6. In view of the defying attitude of the concerned respondent PIO, Improvement Trust, Bathinda neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the directions issued to him within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the **imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) upon the concerned respondent PIO**. However, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten thousand only) on the respondent PIO. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of Improvement Trust, Bathinda is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services

60 other Services

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

7. Respondent PIO is directed to furnish the requisite information to the appellant within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this order and consider this is a final opportunity.
8. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority by name through registered post for the compliance of this order.
9. To come up on **02.02.2023 at 11:00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 17.11.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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(Reporter) Rojana Desh Sewak,
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Rampuraphul, Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o ADC (Urban Dev), Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC(Urban Dev), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1684 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant- absent

Respondent: Sh. Rajiv Kumar, Inspector (9417707951)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.09.2022, respondent PIO is directed to supply the sought for information to the appellant within seven days after receipt of order, under intimation to the Commission. The appellant was also advised to point out deficiencies on its receipt. Matter was adjourned to 17.11.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Rajiv states that information will be supplied by tomorrow.
3. Appellant is not present for today's hearing. It is observed that there was a login with the name 'Harmit sidhu' but after calling his name many times, there was no response.
4. After hearing the respondent PIO and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to send information via email and registered post to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.
5. Appellant is advised to point out discrepancy, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of information via post/email, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **14.02.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 17.11.2022

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Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Rampura Phul, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC (Urban Dev), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal No.: 716 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Appellant- absent

Respondent: Sh. Deepak Setia (EO) (9646250056)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 07.09.2022 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO and matter was adjourned to 17.11.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Deepak Setia states that information had already been sent to the appellant on 16.11.2022 and intimation in this regard has also been sent to the undersigned Bench via email dated 16.11.2022, which is received and taken on record.
3. Appellant is not present for today's hearing. It is observed that there was a login with the name 'Harmit sidhu' but after calling his name many times, there was no response.
4. After hearing the respondent PIO and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to send information via email to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Respondent PIO is directed to file reply to the show cause which was issued vide order dated 07.09.2022 before the next date of hearing.
5. Appellant is advised to point out discrepancy, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of information via email, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
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Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Rampura Phul, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC (Urban Dev), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal No.: 715 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Appellant- absent

Respondent: Sh. Deepak Setia (EO) (9646250056)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 07.09.2022 vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO and matter was adjourned to 17.11.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Deepak Setia states that information had already been sent to the appellant on 16.11.2022 and intimation in this regard has also been sent to the undersigned Bench via email dated 16.11.2022, which is received and taken on record.
3. Appellant is not present for today's hearing. It is observed that there was a login with the name 'Harmit sidhu' but after calling his name many times, there was no response.
4. After hearing the respondent PIO and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to send information via email to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Respondent PIO is directed to file reply to the show cause which was issued vide order dated 07.09.2022 before the next date of hearing.
5. Appellant is advised to point out discrepancy, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of information via email, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
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Distt. Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o EO, Nagar Panchayat, Rampuraphul,
Distt. Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC(Urban Dev), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1010 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant- absent

Respondent: Sh. Deepak Setia (EO) (9646250056)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 14.09.2022 vide which respondent PIO was advised to remove the discrepancy within seven days after receipt of the discrepancy letter from the appellant within seven days. Matter was adjourned to 17.11.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Deepak Setia states that information after removing the discrepancy was sent to the appellant on 16.11.2022 and intimation in this regard has also been sent to the undersigned Bench via email dated 16.11.2022, which is received and taken on record.
3. Appellant is not present for today's hearing. It is observed that there was a login with the name 'Harmit sidhu' but after calling his name many times, there was no response.
4. After hearing the respondent PIO and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to send the sent information dated 16.11.2022 via email to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.
5. Appellant is advised to point out discrepancy, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of information via email, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **14.02.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 17.11.2022

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Phul Road, Rampuraphul,
Distt. Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
/o ADC(Urban Dev), Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC(Urban Dev), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1011 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant- absent
Respondent: Sh. Deepak Setia (EO) (9646250056)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 14.09.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Deepak Setia states that information was sent to the appellant on 16.11.2022.
3. Appellant is not present for today's hearing. It is observed that there was a login with the name 'Harmit sidhu' but after calling his name many times, there was no response.
4. After hearing the respondent PIO and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to send the sent information dated 16.11.2022 via email to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.
5. Appellant is advised to point out discrepancy, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of information via email, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **14.02.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Harmit Singh Sidhu (9878691567)
(Reporter) Rojana Desh Sewak,
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Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Rampura Phul, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority
O/o A.D.C.(Urban Dev), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal No.: 710 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant- absent
Respondent: Sh. Deepak Setia (EO) (9646250056)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 07.09.2022 vide which show cause notice was issued to the respondent PIO. Matter was adjourned to 17.11.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Deepak Setia states that information was sent to the appellant on 16.11.2022 under intimation to the Commission via email dated 16.11.2022, which is received and taken on record.
3. Appellant is not present for today's hearing. It is observed that there was a login with the name 'Harmit sidhu' but after calling his name many times, there was no response.
4. After hearing the respondent PIO and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to send the sent information dated 16.11.2022 via email to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission. Respondent PIO is directed to file reply to the show cause which was issued vide order dated 07.09.2022 before the next date of hearing.
5. Appellant is advised to point out discrepancy, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of information via email, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **14.02.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Phul Road, Rampura Phul,
Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Rampura Phul, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o A.D.C.(Urban Dev), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal No.: 1375 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Appellant- absent

Respondent: Sh. Deepak Setia (EO) (9646250056)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 07.09.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Deepak Setia states that information was sent to the appellant on 16.11.2022.
3. Appellant is not present for today's hearing. It is observed that there was a login with the name 'Harmit sidhu' but after calling his name many times, there was no response.
4. After hearing the respondent PIO and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to send the sent information dated 16.11.2022 via email to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.
5. Appellant is advised to point out discrepancy, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of information via email, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **14.02.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Rojana Desh Sewak,
C/o Baba Kala Finance Co.,
Phul Road, Rampuraphul,
Distt. Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)

O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Rampuraphul, Distt. Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC (Urban Dev), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3188 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant- absent

Respondent: Sh. Deepak Setia (EO) (9646250056)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 29.09.2022
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Deepak Setia states that information was sent to the appellant on 16.11.2022 under intimation to the Commission via email dated 16.11.2022, which is received and taken on record.
3. Appellant is not present for today's hearing. It is observed that there was a login with the name 'Harmit sidhu' but after calling his name many times, there was no response.
4. After hearing the respondent PIO and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to send the sent information dated 16.11.2022 via email to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.
5. Appellant is advised to point out discrepancy, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of information via email, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **14.02.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 17.11.2022

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Sh. Inder Singh, Ex- Principal, (9855090954)
S/o Shri Nikka Singh,
R/o Village Chhauni Kalan,
PO Ram Colony Camp,
District Hoshiarpur.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Director, Technical Education and Industrial
Training Department, Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Director, Technical Education and Industrial
Training Department, Punjab, Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2559 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant - Sh. Inder Singh at PSIC Office.
Respondent: Shri Sanjeev Kumar (Junior Assistant) (7696495617) along with Sh. Sanjeev Kumar (Senior Assistant) (9855188396) at PSIC Office

ORDER:

1. This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 11.10.2022 vide which respondent, Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Junior Assistant stated that he has received the deficiency letter of Appellant dated 17.09.2022.
Accordingly, PIO concerned was directed to supply the information (i.e. after removing the deficiencies dated 17.09.2022 and also supply the sewa patrika (ਸੇਵਾ ਪਤ੍ਰਿਕਾ) to the Appellant along with a copy to the Commission by the next date of hearing positively failing which an action would be taken against the PIO concerned. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 17.11.2022 at 11:00 AM at Punjab State Information Commission.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present at Punjab State Information Commission.
3. Respondents' states that original record including Sewa Patrika is brought to represent this case. Respondent, Sh. Sanjeev also intimates the Commission that documents were demanded from the I.T.I. Hoshiarpur.
4. After examining the sewa patrika, appellant intimates the Commission that his original case regarding pension is available in the sewa patrika and respondent department is misleading the Bench time and again. He adds that earlier respondent PIO informed that documents were demanded / collected from the I.T.I. Hoshiarpur with regard to the pension.
5. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to bring all the original record along with sewa patrika on the next date of hearing positively. Appellant is also advised to appear in person on the next of hearing before the bench of undersigned positively.
6. **To come up on 22.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Announced in the court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 17.11.2022

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Sh. Manjinder Singh(9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali 140301.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 872 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.10.2022.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are absent without intimation to the Commission in spite of registered post order issued to the parties by the Commission. A final opportunity is awarded to the both the parties to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
3. To come up on **15.02.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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(Regd. Post) Sh. Lajpat Rai (9814230616)
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Romana Street, Jaiton,
District Faridkot

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)
O/o Nagar Panchayat,
Sardulgarh, District Mansa

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Director, Local Govt.,
Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 312 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, the appellant in person.
(ii) For the respondent: None.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 07.09.2022 appellant stated that he has received copies of cash books but complete information is still pending. A final opportunity was awarded to the respondent PIO to comply with the previous orders of the Commission dated 28.07.2022 immediately within seven days, as ample time had already been elapsed, failing which consequences shall follow. Matter was adjourned to 17.11.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant joined the CISCO meeting but respondent PIO was absent that time and due to electricity issue meeting was closed suddenly; resulted case is not heard today. Accordingly, both the parties are advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, failing which case will be decided on the merit basis.
3. To come up on **22.12.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.
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