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Shri Gulshan Kumar,
1525/1, Street No.33,
Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

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

....Respondents

AC No.2363 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Gulshan Kumar, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Building/Drawing Branch, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.06.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Gulshan Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Building/Drawing Branch, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of PIO. He states that the appellant had visited their office to inspect the record and the information has been supplied to the appellant on 16.08.2021 by registered post and an affidavit was also filed on 02.06.2021.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies to have inspected the records in the office of PIO and states that the information supplied on 16.08.2021 has not yet been received by him. On the asking of the Bench as to on which date the appellant had visited their office to inspect the records, the representative of PIO is unable to give any date or satisfactory reply.

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5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to again call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information required by him on inspecting the records and the same will be provided by the PIO duly attested before the next hearing.

6. The PIO is also directed to file a fresh affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, 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.2363/2020 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 affidavit as also the relevant official records be brought along and produced before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 09.11.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
18.08.2021**

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O/o Commissioner,
(SDO, B&R, O&M Cell Zone-D)
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

AC No.2364 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Gulshan Kumar, Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO, B&R, O&M Cell, Zone-D, M.C., Ludhiana**

ORDER:
(Heard through Cisco Webex/On Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.06.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Gulshan Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. None is present on behalf of PIO. Shri Anshul Garcha, SDO/PIO, B&R Branch, O&M Cell, Zone-D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is contacted on mobile phone. He is apprised of the hearing today in the instant case. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 07.06.2021.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has received the information/documents from the PIO and he has also sent his observations with regard to the information received to the PIO vide letter dated 17.06.2021. On the asking of the Bench, the PIO denies the receipt of any such observations from the appellant.
5. Post deliberations, the Bench advises the appellant to send the observations/deficiencies again to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the deficiencies and supply rectified information to the appellant. He is also directed to file reply to show cause notice issued earlier.



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6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 09.11.2021 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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.....Appellant

Versus

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O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2366 of 2020

Present:

- (i) Shri Gulshan Kumar, Appellant.
(ii) Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Building/Drawing Branch, Zone-A,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana

ORDER:

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4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies to have inspected the records in the office of PIO and states that the information supplied on 16.08.2021 has not yet been received by him. On the asking of the Bench as to on which date the appellant had visited their office to inspect the records, the representative of PIO is unable to give any date or satisfactory reply.

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5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to again call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information required by him on inspecting the records and the same will be provided by the PIO duly attested before the next hearing.

6. The PIO is also directed to file a fresh affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, 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.2366/2020 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 affidavit as also the relevant official record be brought along and produced before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 09.11.2021 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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Shri Sarabjit Singh
S/o Late Shri Harbans Singh,
H.No.292, Nagar Improvement
Trust Colony, Scheme No.5,
Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

Public Information Officer
Sadar Kanungo Branch
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

AC No.3117 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Sarabjit Singh, Appellant in person before the Bench.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO, O/o D.C. Gurdaspur.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex/ on Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.06.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. The PIO O/o D.C. Gurdaspur has not come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. Shri Anil Kumar, Superintendent/APIO O/o D.C. Gurdaspur who attended the previous hearing, is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he was not able to connect through Cisco Webex due to network problem. He states that Shri Arvind Parkash, D.R.O. is the PIO who is present and makes him to talk to the Bench. The PIO Shri Arvind Parkash states that the information has been sent to the appellant on 27.07.2021 and then on 17.08.2021 by registered post and the same has also been sent to the appellant on his WhatsApp number.
4. Shri Sarabjit Singh, appellant states that he had received the information vide letter dated 27.07.2021 and he had also sent his observations/deficiencies with regard to the same. However, he has not yet received the information reported to have been sent on 17.08.2021.



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5. The PIO, O/o D.C. Office, Shri Arvind Parkash, DRO is made to talk to the appellant. He clarifies the position in this regard to the appellant. The appellant is, however, not satisfied with the clarification given by the PIO.

6. Post deliberations, the PIO is now directed to call the appellant to his office on 19.08.2021 and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspection of records, will identify the information/documents as required by him. The PIO is directed to address the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant and supply him point-wise information. He is also directed to bring along all the relevant record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. Shri Sarabjit Singh, appellant is advised to visit the office of D.C. Gurdaspur and contact the PIO Shri Arvind Parkash who is hereby directed to sort out the matter after showing all the relevant records to the appellant.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 09.11.2021 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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Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

AC No.3116 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Sarabjit Singh, Appellant in person before the Bench.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO, O/o D.C. Gurdaspur.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex/ on Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.06.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. The PIO O/o D.C. Gurdaspur has not come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. Shri Anil Kumar, Superintendent/APIO O/o D.C. Gurdaspur who attended the previous hearing, is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he was not able to connect through Cisco Webex due to network problem. He states that Shri Arvind Parkash, D.R.O. is the PIO who is present and makes him to talk to the Bench. The PIO Shri Arvind Parkash states that the information has been sent to the appellant on 27.07.2021 and then on 17.08.2021 by registered post and the same has also been sent to the appellant on his WhatsApp number.
4. Shri Sarabjit Singh, appellant states that he had received the information vide letter dated 27.07.2021 and he had also sent his observations/deficiencies with regard to the same. However, he has not yet received the information reported to have been sent on 17.08.2021.

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AC No.3116/2020

7. The PIO, O/o D.C. Office, Shri Arvind Parkash, DRO is made to talk to the appellant. He clarifies the position in this regard to the appellant. The appellant is, however, not satisfied with the clarification given by the PIO.

8. Post deliberations, the PIO is now directed to call the appellant to his office on 19.08.2021 and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspection of records, will identify the information/documents as required by him. The PIO is directed to address the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant and supply him point-wise information. He is also directed to bring along all the relevant record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. Shri Sarabjit Singh, appellant is advised to visit the office of D.C. Gurdaspur and contact the PIO Shri Arvind Parkash who is hereby directed to sort out the matter after showing all the relevant records to the appellant.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 09.11.2021 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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Shri Bharat Bhushan Mattu,
H.No.153, Akash Nagar,
Near Greenland School,
PO Netaji Nagar, Salem Tabri
Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Principal Secretary,
Transport Department, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer
O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No.2348 of 2020

Present:

(i)	Appellant- absent
(ii)	Shri Gurbax Singh, Draftsman/APIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh before the Bench, on behalf of the PIO.
(iii)	Shri Manish Pagma, Section Officer/PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Jalandhar.

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.06.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Bharat Bhushan Mattu, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing.
3. Shri Gurbax Singh, APIO, O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information regarding Point No.4 is left which is to be supplied by the PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Jalandhar. Rest of the information stands supplied.
4. Shri Manish Pagma, Section Officer/PIO O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the requisite information relating to point No.4 regarding repair bills of the vehicle mentioned in the RTI application has been supplied to the appellant on 08.06.2021.

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4. Shri Bharat Bhushan Mattu, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He admits the receipt of information. He, however, states that as per point No. 4 of his RTI application, he has not received the data sheet regarding the repair work of the vehicle got done. The PIO is apprised of this who states that the information supplied includes all the details asked for.

5. Post deliberations, the PIO O/o R.T.A. Jalandhar is directed to bring along all the relevant records/documents and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing. The PIO, O/o S.T.C. Punjab is exempted from appearance in the further hearings. The appellant is also advised to attend.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 09.11.2021 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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Er. R.C. Tandon,
#146, Urban Estate,
PO Chachoki, Phagwara,
District Kapurthala.

Versus

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar.

Public Information Officer

O/o Estate Officer,
Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority-cum

Estate Officer,
Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No.2502 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri R.C. Tandon, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Sanjeev Sharma, SDO/PIO, O/o Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar.**

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex/On Mobile phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 18.01.2021 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 23.03.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.05.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.08.2021 through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri R.C. Tandon comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.

3. Shri Sanjeev Sharma, S.D.O., Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar/PIO comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the RTI application was transferred to the PIO O/o Estate Officer, J.D.A. Jalandhar who has informed vide letter dated 10.08.2021 that the information asked for is voluminous and is not available in office record in the

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compiled form. He further states that as per PIO, its compilation involves use of 'Disproportionate Diversion of Sources' and as such, it is not covered under the RTI Act. It has been further stated therein that if the appellant needs information with regard to any specific colony, he should intimate the same.

4. The appellant is apprised of the version of the PIO. On the asking of the Bench, Shri R.C. Tandon, appellant states that he may be provided information regarding Zone Plan in respect of University Enclave colony.

5. During deliberations, the PIO states that the PIO, O/o Estate Officer, J.D.A. Jalandhar is to supply the information to the appellant. Accordingly, the PIO O/o Estate Officer, Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar is impleaded as respondent No.2. He is directed to supply information as requested by the appellant.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 09.11.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
18.08.2021**

**Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar.

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C/o Shri Mukesh Shukla
House No.359C,
East Guru Nanakpura,
Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal Secretary,
Science, Technology & Environment,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,

Pushpa Gujral Science City,
Jalandhar Kapurthala Road,
Kapurthala.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary,
Science, Technology & Environment,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.2487 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Kamal Sharma, Appellant.**
(ii) **Dr. Rajesh Grover, PIO, Pushpa Gujral Science City, Jalandhar.**

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 07.11.2020 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 01.02.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.05.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.08.2021 through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Kamal Sharma, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has sought copy of enquiry report conducted into the scam at the time of recruitment in Pushpa Gujral Science City, Jalandhar, PIO-cum-Superintendent, O/o Principal Secretary, Science, Technology & Environment, Punjab. He has, however, not received the information from the concerned PIO.
4. Dr. Rajesh Grover, PIO, Pushpa Gujral Science City, Jalandhar comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that information on points No.1 to 3 has been supplied to the appellant by the PIO-cum-Superintendent, O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,



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Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Punjab. However, RTI application has been transferred to Pushpa Gujral Science City, vide letter dated 10.08.2021. The copy of enquiry report as sought by the appellant, cannot be supplied to him, being personal information, as per office memorandum of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training, Govt. of India, New Delhi dated 14.08.2013 and also cites some of the judgments of Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard. He further states that the said information has been supplied to the appellant on 12.01.2021. The PIO further states that the information is being sought by the appellant in his personal interest and not in the public interest.

5. The appellant contends the statement of the PIO and states that the letter issued by Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, GOI and judgments of Hon'ble Supreme Court are not applicable in this case. He further contends that he has asked for information from the PIO-cum-Superintendent, O/o Principal Secretary, Science, Technology & Environment, Punjab and not from the PIO, Pushpa Gujral Science City, Jalandhar. He further states that the information sought is in the public interest.

6. Post deliberations, the Bench does not accept the contentions of the appellant regarding non-applicability of the instructions of DOPT, GOI and clarifies that the same holds good across the country. Anyhow, the Bench directs him to produce documents to substantiate his claim.

7. The PIO, Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala is impleaded as Respondent No.2. He is directed to bring along the entire relevant record and the documents to substantiate his claim and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing. The PIO-cum-Superintendent, O/o Principal Secretary, Science, Technology & Environment, Punjab is also directed to come present before the Bench on the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 09.11.2021 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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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Pushpa Gujral Science City,
Jalandhar-Kapurthala Road,
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Shri Ranjit Singh,
S/o Shri Harbhajan Singh
R/o New Model Town,
Ward No.14, Near Inder Memorial
Public School, Amlah Road,
Khanna, District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Divisional Officer,
Punjab State Power Corpn. Ltd.(PSPCL),
Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Engineer in Chief/DS Central
Punjab State Power Corpn. Ltd.(PSPCL),
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2517 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia on behalf of the Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Prabhjot Singh Oberoi, SDO, PSPCL Sidhwan Bet (Ludhiana)
PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 12.02.2021 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 22.03.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.05.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.08.2021 through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Ranjit Singh, appellant has not come present and Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex, on behalf of the appellant.

3. Shri Prabhjot Singh Oberoi, SDO, PSPCL, Sidhwan Bet, District Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the appellant has mentioned to have attached PO of Rs.30/- with the RTI application whereas PO worth Rs.10/- has been enclosed and as such, they have written to the appellant in this regard vide letter dated 03.03.2021.

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4. On the asking of the Bench, Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, representative of the appellant states that the appellant has replied to the PIO that it has been written erroneously and it is Rs.10/- only.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench expresses its displeasure on the statement made by the PIO and clarifies to him that the prescribed fee is only Rs.10/- and it is ridiculous to point out this to the appellant which cannot be expected from an officer of his level. Rather he should have made sincere efforts to supply information to the appellant. The Bench observes that such observation by the PIO amounts to harassment to the appellant and directs the PIO to supply information to the appellant on priority by registered post before the next hearing. The PIO states that it is ready with him and assures to do the needful expeditiously.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 09.11.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
18.08.2021**

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

