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Shri Chanderdeep Maggu,  
Advocate, Chamber No.172,  
Block C, District Court Complex,  
Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o District Development &  
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.),  
Fazilka.

...Respondents

**AC No.4430/2021**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Surja Ram, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Dhani Mohna Ram on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Chanderdeep Maggu, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex. However, a letter dated 14.10.2022 has been received from him wherein he has stated that the information supplied to him on 12.10.2022 is incomplete and he has also pointed out deficiencies such as non-receipt of copies of M.B., Bills, Vouchers and approval of the works got executed.
3. Shri Surja Ram, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat Dhani Mohna Ram O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Fazilka, comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.10.2022 by registered post.
4. The appellant is contacted on mobile phone and is made to talk to Shri Surja Ram, Panchayat Secretary who explains to him the details of information supplied on 11.10.2022. However, the appellant expresses his dis-satisfaction over the information supplied and points out to him deficiencies as stated in his letter dated 14.10.2022.



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**AC No.4430/2021**

5. On the asking of the Bench, Shri Surja Ram states that the remaining information relates to M.Bs. which were held by the Junior Engineer who has since died and the said record is not traceable. The Bench does not agree with the version of Shri Surja Ram and directs the BDPO, Fazilka to look into the matter and direct the present Junior Engineer to find out the said record held by the previous Junior Engineer and make available the copies of information as sought by the appellant. The PIO, O/o BDPO, Fazilka is directed to ensure that the complete information after removing the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant is supplied to the appellant before the next hearing. The Bench further directs the PIO to file reply to the show cause notice issued on 19.01.2022 and ensure to come present before the Bench on the next hearing. The BDPO Fazilka is also directed to ensure his presence before the Bench on the next date of hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
18.10.2022**

**Sd/-  
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Shri Hardeep Singh  
S/o Shri Harnam Singh  
R/o Village Mandi Hazoor Singh,  
PO Karni Khera,  
Tehsil & District Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.)  
Fazilka.

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Block Development &  
Panchayat Officer, Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o. Deputy Commissioner ,  
Fazilka.

...Respondents

**AC No.183/2022**

**Present:**

- (i) Shri Hardeep Singh, Appellant- cisco webex.
- (ii) Shri Santokh Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayats, Karni Khera, Channawala, Mandi Hazur Singh, on behalf of the PIO/respondent- cisco webex.

**ORDER**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Hardeep Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been received by him so far.
3. Shri Santokh Singh, Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 17.10.2022. He also explains the details of information supplied to the appellant.
4. Due to audio problem in connectivity, the appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He denies the receipt of information.
5. Post deliberations, the Bench observes that the information may be in transit and advises the appellant to point out deficiencies on receipt of information and the PIO is directed to remove the deficiencies so pointed out by the appellant and supply rectified information to the appellant before the next hearing.



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**AC No.183/2022**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
18.10.2022**

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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- i) **BDPO Fazilka, to ensure that rectified information is supplied by Shri Santokh Singh, Panchayat Secretary to the appellant.**
- ii) **Shri Santokh Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panachayat Mandi Hazur Singh, Muthianwali, Channan Wala and Karni Khera, Block Fazilka, District Fazilka, to comply with the directions of Bench.**

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Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta  
Advocate,  
# 8/237, Jagraon Road,  
Mandi Maullanpur,  
Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council,  
Mullanpur Dakha,  
District Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Deputy Director,  
Local Bodies,Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.763 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Appellant- cisco webex.**  
(ii) **Shri Jagjit Singh Judge, Executive Officer/PIO with Shri Lakhwinder Singh, Junior Assistant, Municipal Council. Mullanpur Dakha, in person.**

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He reiterates his version as made during the previous hearing that inspection of record was not allowed and no additional information has been provided.
3. Shri Jagjit Singh Judge, Executive Officer/PIO with Shri Lakhwinder Singh, Junior Assistant O/o M.C. Mullanpur Dakha comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the information was given to the appellant on 04.01.2022 and the balance information has been brought along for handing over to the appellant.
4. The Bench apprises the appellant of the version of PIO. Post deliberations, the Bench advises the appellant to visit the office of PIO on 19.10.2022 at 11.30 AM to collect the balance of information and the PIO will hand over the balance information to the appellant and if any deficiencies are pointed out by the appellant, those be rectified the same day and rectified information be supplied to the appellant.

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**AC No.763/2020**

5. The Bench further directs the PIO/Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha to comply with the directions of the Bench given during previous hearings in its entirety. The Bench also directs both the parties 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 21.11.2022 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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.....Appellant

Versus

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O/o Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council,  
Mullanpur Dakha,  
District Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Deputy Director,  
Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.634 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Appellant- cisco webex.**  
(ii) **Shri Jagjit Singh Judge, Executive Officer/PIO with Shri Lakhwinder Singh, Junior Assistant, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha, in person.**

**ORDER**

**(Heard in person/through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He reiterates his version as made during the previous hearing that inspection of record was not allowed and no additional information has been provided.
3. Shri Jagjit Singh Judge, Executive Officer/PIO with Shri Lakhwinder Singh, Junior Assistant O/o M.C. Mullanpur Dakha comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the similar information was given to the appellant in Appeal Case No.640/2020 earlier filed in the Commission.
4. The Bench does not agree with the version of the PIO and clarifies to him that though the information was similar in the said appeal case, but the PIO was supposed to give reply in this case also separately, also pointing out that same information is being sought by the appellant by filing different RTI application which is not appropriate on the part of appellant. Post deliberations, the Bench advises the appellant to visit the office of PIO on 19.10.2022 at 11.30 AM to collect the information in this appeal case also and the PIO will hand over the balance of information to the appellant and if any deficiencies are pointed out by the appellant, those be rectified the same day and rectified information be supplied to the appellant.



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**AC No.634/2020**

5. The Bench further directs the PIO/Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha to comply with the directions of the Bench given during previous hearings in its entirety. The Bench also directs both the parties 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 21.11.2022 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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Shri Gobind Singh  
S/o Shri Ajaib Singh,  
Near Govt. Primary School, Akarwas  
District Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Block Development and  
Panchayat Officer (BDPO)  
Lehragaga, Distt. Sangrur.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Block Development and  
Panchayat Officer (BDPO)  
Lehragaga, Distt. Sangrur.

...Respondents

**AC No.283/2022**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Gurtej Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Arkwas,  
on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gobind Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. However, a telephonic message has been received from him stating that as he is suffering from chicken pox and he may not be able to attend the hearing.
3. Shri Gurtej Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Arkwas, Block Lehragaga comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the information was provided to the appellant earlier and no other details are available.
4. The appellant is contacted on his mobile phone and is made to talk to the Shri Gurtej Singh. The appellant points out to him that he has not received information regarding the amount spent from the grant received by Gram Panchayat in respect of each street where the work was carried out. Upon this, Shri Gurtej Singh explains to him that the grant is received for different development works such as streets, cremation ground, park etc. and not in respect of any specific street and the relevant details have been provided to him.

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**AC No.283/2022**

5. Though the Bench agrees with the version of the representative of PIO, however, directs him to supply information again to the appellant clarifying to the appellant the position with regard to his queries raised before the Bench. Both the parties are directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh  
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Shri H.S. Hundal, Advocate  
#203, Judicial Court Complex,  
Sector-76, SAS Nagar(Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Deputy Chief Engineer,  
West Circle, PSPCL,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Deputy Chief Engineer,  
West Circle, PSPCL,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.3941 of 2022**

**Present:** (i) **Shri H.S. Hundal, Appellant- in person.**  
(ii) **Shri Rajesh Kumar, XEN, City West Circle PSPCL, Ludhiana**  
**on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 08.06.2022 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 14.07.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.08.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.10.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri H.S. Hundal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.

3. Shri Rajesh Kumar, XEN, City West Circle, PSPCL, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of PIO. He states that he has brought along the information and produces a copy of the same before the Bench and on the asking of the Bench, he hands over a copy of the information to the appellant in the court itself.

4. Shri H.S. Hundal, appellant, on perusal of the information, raises contention regarding information on point No.2. The Bench, however, observes that they are in agreement with the respondent and thus, has not been located. Regarding point No.8, 9, 10, the representative of PIO clarifies that the information has been denied being personal and third party information. Upon this, the appellant states that it will suffice if only the number of applications received is intimated to him, to which the respondent agrees.

5. In view of the above, the Bench directs the PIO O/o Dy. Chief Engineer/Distribution, PSPCL, Ludhiana to provide information to the appellant on point No.8, 9, 10 withholding any personal details involved, before the next hearing. Both the parties are 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 21.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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S/o Shri Kulwant Singh,  
R/o Bhullar Colony, Gali No.1,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib  
Presently R/o Ranjit Avenue  
Behind Aadesh Hospital,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Versus

.....Appellant

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Sr. Superintendent of Police,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Sr. Superintendent of Police,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Respondents

**AC No.3922 of 2022**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.  
(ii) HC Satwant Singh O/o P.S. Sadar, Sri Muktsar Sahib, on behalf of the  
PIO/Respondent- in person.

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 18.04.2022 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 15.06.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.08.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.10.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Gurmeet Singh Jaura, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. HC Satwant Singh O/o P.S. Sadar, Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant by registered post on 13.10.2022.
4. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on his mobile phone. He is made to talk to the representative of PIO who explains to him the details of information supplied. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant points out certain deficiencies in the information supplied. Then, he is advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the deficiencies after receiving the same from the appellant and supply him rectified information before the next hearing.

5. The Bench directs both the PIO O/o SSP Sri Muktsar Sahib as well as 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 21.11.2022 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 Surinderpal Singh  
S/o Late Shri Babu Singh  
R/o #4780, Shivaji Nagar,  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Bodies, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,  
Chandigarh.

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Bodies, Punjab,  
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.3917 of 2022**

**Present:**

- (i) **Appellant- absent.**  
(ii) **Shri Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant, Municipal Services Cell, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, on behalf of PIO/Respondent- in person.**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 01.04.2022 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 13.05.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.08.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.10.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Surinderpal Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant, Municipal Services Cell, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab comes present in person before the Bench. He states that he has come present in other appeal cases and is not aware of facts of this case. He requests the Bench to let him go through contents of RTI application. On giving him the relevant file, he peruses the contents of RTI application and states that in this appeal case, the RTI application was transferred to PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana as the matter relates to Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and further apprises that he will send a copy of the said letter to the Bench.

4. On hearing the version of Shri Vikas Kumar and going through the contents of RTI application, the PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is impleaded as respondent and directed to supply requisite information to the appellant and ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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S/o Shri Gurdev Singh  
R/o Vill. Khurda, PO Channiyani Khurd,  
Tehsil Balachaur, Distt. Nawanshahar.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Ropar.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Patiala.

....Respondents

**AC No.3915 of 2022**

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

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 30.05.2022 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 01.07.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.08.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 18.10.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Dilawar Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has not been supplied any information so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ropar has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO has not supplied information to the appellant in spite of a lapse of more than three months and has also not bothered to either come present to attend the hearing or to intimate the Bench in this regard. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ropar is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and 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 failing to appear for the hearing and for not supplying 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.

6. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for 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 proceedings against him ex-parte.

7. The PIO O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ropar is directed to ensure to supply requisite information to the appellant under intimation to the Commission before the next hearing as also to come present in person before the Bench, failing which, penal consequences shall follow.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 21.11.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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