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Shri Rohit Sabharwal
Kundan Bhawan,
#126, Model Gram,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.984 of 2020

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent
- (ii) Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, M.C. Ludhiana,
- (iii) Shri Navneet Singh, Technical Inspector, Zone-B, M.C. Ludhiana
- (iv) Shri Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman, Zone-C, M.C. Ludhiana
- on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing/On Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 09.11.2020 passed by the Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that information asked for by the appellant has been supplied vide letter dated 03.09.2020 by speeds post. Shri Navneet Singh, Technical Inspector attends hearing on behalf of PIO, Zone-B, M.C. Ludhiana and Shri Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman attends hearing on behalf of PIO, Zone-C, M.C. Ludhiana. No input was given by representatives of Zone B & C regarding supply of any information to the appellant by their respective Zones.
4. Since the appellant is absent, the representative of the appellant- Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur is contacted on mobile phone. She states that she has sent her written submissions by e.mail dated 18.01.2021 and further states that no information has been supplied to the appellant. The representative of the appellant is informed that this approach of the appellant is not appropriate as it is difficult for the Bench to arrive at any decision unless version of both the parties is heard at the same time and it tends to take months together to arrive at any conclusion in the case.

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5. Post deliberations, the PIO's of Building/Drawing Branches of Zone-A, B, C & D are directed to call the appellant to PIO's office before the next hearing and allow access to the official records and thereafter, supply information as available in the official record, they are also directed to file an affidavit to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No0.984 of 2020 has been provided and the balance information in the form sought is not being maintained and as such, cannot be created. The statement made is correct and authentic. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. The PIOs concerned are further directed to file reply to the show cause notice before the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2021 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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Maha Singh Nagar, PO Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana, Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1012 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, on behalf of the Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 09.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Shri Sarabjeet Singh Gill, appellant is absent. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, attends the hearing on behalf of the appellant. He states that the appellant has not received any information as yet.
3. Neither the PIOs of Zone C and Tehbazari Branch of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana have come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor have deputed any of their representatives to attend the hearing nor any information has been supplied to the appellant.
4. The Bench observes that the directions given by the Bench on the previous hearing have also not been complied with. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIOs concerned is viewed adversely.
5. The PIOs of Zone-C and Tehbazari Branch are issued show cause notice to explain their absence and to explain as to why action should not be taken against them and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for not supplying the information to the appellant. The PIOs are also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

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6. In addition to the written reply, PIOs are hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. They may take note that in case they do not file the written reply and do not avail themselves of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that they have nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceeding against them ex-parte.

7. The PIOs concerned are directed to call the appellant to their office and allow him access to the official records. The appellant will identify the documents/information after inspection of records which will be supplied by both the PIOs before the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2021 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 The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer

O/o The Commissioner,
Tehbazari Branch,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer

O/o The Medical Officer of Health,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1013 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, on behalf of Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO, Zone-C, M.C. Ludhiana.**
(iii) **None on behalf of PIO, Tehbazari Branch, M.C. Ludhiana.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 09.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, father of the appellant attends the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant. He states that the appellant has been supplied partial information and the appellant is not satisfied by the information given.
3. The PIOs of Zone-C, M.C. Ludhiana, PIO, Tehbazari Branch and from PIO O/o Medical Officer of Health have not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor have deputed their representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench observes that no reply to the show cause notice issued to the PIO Zone-D of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana has been filed.

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5. Since the appellant expresses his dissatisfaction over the information supplied, the PIOs of Zone-C, Tehbazari Branch and O/o Medical Officer of Health, M.C. Ludhiana are directed to call the appellant to their offices and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information on inspecting the official records and the same will be provided to the appellant by the respective PIOs before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2021 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 Amandeep Singh
S/o Shri Surinder Singh
R/o No.610, Sector-39,
Urban Estate, Chandigarh Road,
Jamalpur, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

**First Appellate Authority-cum-
Commissioner,**
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1935 of 2020

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **Shri Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman, Municipal Corporation Zone-C,
Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 09.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Shri Amandeep Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 19.01.2021 stating that no stay has been granted by the Hon'ble High Court for taking action with regard to the illegal colonies carved out and that the PIO is denying the information without any reason.
3. Shri Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that reply to the appellant has been given vide letter dated 01.10.2020 reiterating the statement made by the PIO before the Bench on the previous hearing that the matter being sub judice, the information cannot be supplied.
4. In view of the version put forth by the appellant through his e.mail and the statement made by the representative of the PIO, the Bench observes that another opportunity deserves to be given to both the appellant and the PIO to ascertain the latest position in the case so as to be able to arrive at an appropriate decision.

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5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2021 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 Sanjay Kumar Sharma
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1st Floor, K10 Tower,
Feroze Gandhi Market,
Ludhiana-141001.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2676 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Sandeep Sharma, on behalf of the appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman, Zone-D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana
on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 09.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman, attends the hearing through V.C. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 14.07.2020 sent by speed post on 16.07.2020.
4. Shri Sanjay Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. He has, however, sent an authority letter in the name of one Shri Sandeep Sharma, who comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant. He states that the information has been supplied which is illegible and incomplete and moreover, the same is unattested by the PIO. He states that the appellant has basically sought the notification with regard to the declaration of Satpal Mittal Road and Gurdwara Road as the commercial roads, which have not been supplied.
5. The PIO, Zone-D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is again directed to send a legible and attested copy of the information to the appellant by regd. post as also the copies of notifications as sought by the appellant before the next hearing.

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6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2021 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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Feroze Gandhi Market,
Ludhiana-141001.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2678 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- absent
(ii) None on behalf of PIO, B&R Branch, Zone-D, M.C. Ludhiana

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 09.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.11.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Sanjay Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 19.01.2021 informing that due to unavoidable circumstances, he would not be able to attend the hearing in the instant appeal case and as such, has prayed for giving another date.
3. PIO B&R Branch, Zone-D, M.C. Ludhiana has not come present nor has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing through V.C. However, a letter dated 14.01.2021 has been received from the PIO stating therein that information relating to B&R Branch, Zone-D, M.C. Ludhiana has been supplied vide letter dated 25.08.2020 and has again been sent vide letter dated 14.01.2021.
5. Since the appellant is absent, his version regarding the receipt of information cannot be ascertained.
6. In view of the request of the appellant, as above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2021 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 Balwinder Singh Laddi, Whistle Blower
H.No.418, Street No.5,
Mohalla Nanaksar,
Tehdi Road, Shimlapuri,
Ludhiana-141003.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3292 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, on behalf of the appellant**
(ii) **Shri Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 29.07.2020 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 02.09.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 19.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C.
3. Shri Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman, Zone-C, M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO and states that the para-wise information has been supplied to the appellant by speed post vide letter dated 06.10.2020.
4. Shri Gurmej Lal attends the hearing on behalf of the appellant and denies receipt of information by the appellant. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of the PIO again hands over a copy of the information to the representative of the appellant during the hearing.
5. The appellant is advised to point out deficiencies, if any, to the PIO. The PIO will remove the deficiencies so pointed out and supply the rectified information to the appellant before the next hearing.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2021 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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H.No.6375, Street No.16,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,
PO Daba, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3301 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman, Zone-D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana**
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 25.07.2020 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 25.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 19.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. As such, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman, Drawing/Building Branch, Zone-D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO. He states that the reply to the appellant has been given vide letter dated 12.10.2020 by speed post stating that the information sought is voluminous and he was asked to visit the office of PIO to inspect the records and identify specific information which will be provided to him. No one from Drawing/Building Branch of Zone A, B & C has come present to attend the hearing in the instant case. However, a letter dated 11.01.2021 from PIO, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana is available in the case file stating that the action on the complaints received regarding illegal buildings and illegal colonies is under process and as such, information cannot be supplied. Similarly, letter dated 23.12.2020 has been received from PIO-cum-ATP, Zone-B stating the reply has been sent to the appellant



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vide letter dated 31.08.2020. It has been stated in the reply that the information sought is voluminous and specific information pointed out by the appellant can be supplied to the appellant. Further, a letter dated 06.10.2020 has been received from PIO Zone-C stating that the information, being voluminous cannot be supplied and specific information pointed out will be supplied.

4. Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he is not satisfied with the reply given/information supplied to him.

5. Post deliberations with the appellant and representative of PIO, the Bench directs the PIOs concerned to call the appellant to their office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information and the same will be provided by the respective PIOs before the next hearing.

6. With the afore said directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2021 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 Assistant Town Planner,
Zone-B, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Assistant Town Planner,
Zone-B, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3302 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO Zone-B, M.C. Ludhiana.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 07.08.2020 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 07.09.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 19.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. As such, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. No one has come present on behalf of PIO/ATP, Zone-B, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana to attend the hearing through V.C. However, a letter dated 13.01.2021 has been received from the APIO-cum-Building Inspector, Zone-B, M.C. Ludhiana that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 13.01.2021.
4. Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that though he has received the information but he is not satisfied with the information supplied.
5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information and the same will be provided by the PIO to the appellant before the next hearing.

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AC No.3302/2020

6. With the afore said directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2021 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

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3303 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 25.07.2020 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 25.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 19.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. As such, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. No one has come present on behalf of PIO, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana to attend the hearing through V.C. However, a letter dated 11.01.2021 has been received from the APIO-cum-Building Inspector, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 12.10.2020.
4. Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that though he has received the information but he is not satisfied with the information supplied.
5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information and the same will be provided by the PIO to the appellant before the next hearing.

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AC No.3303/2020

6. With the afore said directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2021 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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Tindawala, Tehsil Jalalabad,
District Fazillka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o SDM –cum-Registration Authority,
Motor Vehicle, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

AC No.2137 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Mohinder Singh, appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

(Heard Through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 09.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Fazilka. Shri Mohinder Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that no information has been supplied to him as yet.
3. Neither the PIO himself has come present nor has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing through V.C. The PIO has also not filed reply to the show cause and also the requisite information has not been given to the appellant.
4. The Bench observes that as per the position brought out before the Bench by the appellant, the transaction with regard to the purchase of tractor by the appellant points to the wrong doings as also fraud and subsequently, its registration in the name of some unknown person. As such, it was incumbent upon the PIO O/o SDM –cum-Registration Authority, Motor Vehicle, Abohar, Distt. Fazilka to respond to the directions of Bench, but the PIO has chosen to adopt casual approach towards the directions of Commission.

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5. The Bench observes that the directions of the Commission given on the previous date of hearing have not been complied with. The Bench also observes that the PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous hearing to which no reply has been filed by him. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO towards the directions of the Commission is viewed adversely. In addition, PIO/his representative have also failed to attend today's hearing as well as the previous two hearings.

6. The facts of the case prove beyond any doubt that the PIO/Respondent does not deserve any leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, a penalty to the tune of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO, O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-Registration Authority, Abohar, District Fazilka, to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head. The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.10,000/- from the salary of the PIO and deposit the same in State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

- 0070-Other Administrative Services – 60-Other Services-

-0800-Other Receipts- 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005.

7. The PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing as also to come in person to attend the hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice as also to produce the evidence on account of deposit of the amount of penalty imposed.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.01.2021**

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

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**Public Information Officer
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate
–cum-Registration Authority,
Motor Vehicle, Abohar,
District Fazilka (By name)**

