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Shri Kamaljit Singh,
#395- L, Model Town,
Ludhiana-141001.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation
Zone-C, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer

Superintendent, Establishment,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2569 of 2020

Present:

- (i) Shri Kamaljit Singh, Appellant.
- (ii) Shri Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman, APIO, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.
- (iii) Shri Om Parkash, Inspector, Establishment Branch, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex/On Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing as the hearing dated 11.05.2021 was postponed.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Kamaljit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman/APIO, M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the appellant had inspected the records in their office on 29.01.2021 and the information, comprising 30 pages, has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 05.02.2021. Shri Om Parkash, Inspector, Establishment Branch, M.C. Ludhiana comes present and states that the information on Point No.6 has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 23.04.2021 and an affidavit dated 10.05.2021 has also been supplied to the appellant.

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4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant expresses his dis-satisfaction over the information supplied on points No.3 to 5. On the asking of the Bench, Shri Inderjit Singh, representative of PIO states that information on points No.1 to 5 of RTI application has been supplied to the satisfaction of appellant and accepted as such by him on the previous hearing and information only on Point No.6 was left which has now been supplied by Establishment Branch.

5. The Bench observes that on the previous hearing, the appellant had not pointed out any such deficiency on the information relating to points No.1 to 5 and had stated that information on Point No.6 remains to be given. Now with the information supplied on point no.6, the complete information stands supplied to him. Moreover, the information has been supplied to the appellant after he had inspected the official records. The appellant is made clear that whatever information is available in the official records of the PIO, only that can be supplied.

6. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel that any further intervention in the matter is needed. **The appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.07.2021**

**Sd/-
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
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Er. Arun Garg S/o Shri Sham Lal
H.No.40, Central Town
Village Dad, PO Lalton Kalan,
District Ludhiana.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Chief Engineer, DS/Central
Punjab State Power Corpn. Ltd.,
(PSPCL), Sarabha Nagar,
Ludhiana.

Remanded Back:

First Appellate Authority
Chief Engineer, DS, Central,
PSPCL, Sarabha Nagar,
Ludhiana

....Respondents

CC No.981 of 2020

Present: (i) Complainant– absent.
(ii) None on behalf of PIO.

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex/On Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing as the hearing dated 11.05.2021 was postponed.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The Complainant Shri Arun Garg, has not come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has not been provided any information.
3. Nobody attends the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the PIO O/o Chief Engineer/DS/Central, PSPCL, Ludhiana. Shri Nirmal Singh, SDO who had attended the previous hearing, is contacted on mobile phone. He reiterates his version as made on the previous hearing to the effect that information sought is of 2015 vintage and details are not available in the official records. On the asking of the Bench, he states that the First Appellate Authority in the case is Shri Bhupinder Khosla, Chief Engineer, DS, Central, PSPCL, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana.

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CC No.981/2020

4. The Bench, post discussion with the complainant, observes that the complainant has not availed the provisions of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such, the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant.

5. It must be noted that there is an alternate and efficacious remedy of First Appeal available under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act. It appears that the complainant has failed to avail the same in the instant complaint case. The Bench observes that the complainant must be given an opportunity to avail of the above said remedy.

6. Post deliberations with the complainant and the representative of PIO, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority i.e **Shri Bhupinder Khosla, Chief Engineer, DS Central, PSPCL, Ludhiana**. The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard. He is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter. In case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), he is at liberty to file second appeal with Punjab State Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

7. In view of the above, **the case is disposed off and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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19.07.2021
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

First Appellate Authority
Shri Bhupinder Khosla,
Chief Engineer, DS, Central,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana.

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Er. Arun Garg S/o Shri Sham Lal
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District Ludhiana.

..Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Addl. Superintending Engineer,
Model Town Division (Special),
Punjab State Power Corpn. Ltd.,
(PSPCL), Sarabha Nagar,
Ludhiana.

Remanded Back:

First Appellate Authority

Chief Engineer, DS, Central,
PSPCL, Sarabha Nagar,
Ludhiana

....Respondents

CC No.980 of 2020

Present: (i) Complainant– absent.
(ii) None on behalf of PIO.

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex/On Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing as the hearing dated 11.05.2021 was postponed.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The Complainant Shri Arun Garg, has not come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.He is contacted on mobile phone.He states that he has not been provided any information.
3. Nobody attends the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the PIO O/o Chief Engineer/DS/Central,PSPCL, Ludhiana.Shri Nirmal Singh, SDO who had attended the previous hearing, is contacted on mobile phone. He reiterates his version as made on the previous hearing to the effect that information sought is of 2016 vintage and details are not available in the official records. On the asking of the Bench, he states that the First Appellate Authority in the case is Shri Bhupinder Khosla, Chief Engineer, DS, Central,PSPCL, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana.

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4. The Bench, post discussion with the complainant, observes that the complainant has not availed the provisions of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such, the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant.

5. It must be noted that there is an alternate and efficacious remedy of First Appeal available under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act. It appears that the complainant has failed to avail the same in the instant complaint case. The Bench observes that the complainant must be given an opportunity to avail of the above said remedy.

6. Post deliberations with the complainant and the representative of PIO, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority i.e **Shri Bhupinder Khosla, Chief Engineer, DS Central, PSPCL, Ludhiana**. The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard. He is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter. In case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), he is at liberty to file second appeal with Punjab State Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

7. In view of the above, **the case is disposed off and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.07.2021**

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

Copy to (By Regd. Post):

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Chief Engineer, DS, Central,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana.

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Shri George Subh
S/o Shri Rustam Masih
R/o Begowal, Ward No.12,
Tehsil Bholath,
District Kapurthala.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Inspector General of Police,
Bathinda Range, Bathinda.

....Respondents

AC No.3693 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- absent
(ii) Shri Rajpal Singh, S.P. O/o SSP Sri Muktsar sahib on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing as the hearing dated 11.05.2021 was postponed.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The Complainant Shri George Subh, has not come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Rajpal Singh, SP (Investigation) O/o SSP Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 12.03.2021.
4. On perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that a letter dated 17.03.2021 from the appellant is available in the file vide which he has stated to have received the information to his satisfaction and has also given his consent to close the case.
5. In view of the above, no further intervention of the Bench is called for. **The appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Sukhdeep Singh(AAE)
S/o Shri Pritam Singh(SI)
R/o Gali Arre Wali,
Tarn Taran.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Addl.Superintending Engineer(Works)
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
Patti Division, Patti,
District Tarn Taran.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer,Border Zone,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No.3715 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- absent
(ii) Shri Preet Mohinder Singh, Addl.S.E. Works, PSPCL, Amritsar,
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex/ on Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing as the hearing dated 11.05.2021 was postponed.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant Shri Sukhdeep Singh has not come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Preet Mohinder Singh, Addl.S.E. Works, PSPCL, Amritsar, comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant and affidavit dated 11.05.2021 duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public has also been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 11.05.2021.

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4. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has received the information and the affidavit to his satisfaction and also gives his consent to close the case.

5. In view of the above, no further intervention of the Bench is called for. **The appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
19.07.2021

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Shri Sukhdata Singh
S/o Late Shri Kirpal Singh
R/o Village Mehmudpura
PO Dhandra, Distt.Ludhiana

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Greater Ludhiana Area
Development Authority (GLADA),
Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

AC No.786 of 2021

Present: (i) Shri Sukhdata Singh, Appellant in person .
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard On Mobile Phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 22.07.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The first appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 21.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.02.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.07.2021 and accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Sukhdata Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.

3. Neither the PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. Shri Ashok Kumar, APIO is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 19.03.2021.

4. On the asking of the Bench, Shri Sukhdata Singh, appellant confirms the receipt of information to his satisfaction but he states that there has been delay of 145 days in supplying the information to him.



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5. The Bench agrees with the contention raised by the appellant, however, takes a lenient view in view of the pandemic and consequent functional problems faced by the Govt. Departments. The PIO is, however, advised to adhere to the time-lines stipulated under the RTI Act.

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.07.2021**

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