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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
Whistle Blower, NCAG Office,
Street No.5, # 1331-5, Vishawkarma Bhawan,
Down Canal Road, Shimlapuri,
Ludhiana-141003.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer/

Chief Vigilance Officer,
Vigilance Branch, Local Govt. Deptt.,
Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies, Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.2219 of 2022

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Rajiv Saggar, Superintendent, Shri Navdeep Sharma, Vigilance Officer, O/o C.V.O., Directorate of Local Govt., Punjab- in person
- (iii) Shri Rajiv Kumar, Building Inspector, Town Planning Wing O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh - in person.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant has not come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex. However, an e.mail dated 19.10.2022 has been received from him stating that he is unwell and has requested for fixing the hearing for 03.11.2022.
3. Shri Rajiv Saggar, Superintendent with Shri Navdeep Sharma, Vigilance Officer comes present and states that a complaint dated 29.11.2021 was made by the appellant to C.M. Punjab, Chief Secretary, Punjab, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab and Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab which was sent

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to Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana by Town Planning Wing vide e.mail dated 22.12.2021 to take examine & take action. The appellant filed RTI application dated 06.12.2021 and 04.02.2022 seeking information on the same complaints and Second Appeals No.1430 of 2022 and 2219 of 2022 were filed by him in the Punjab State Information Commission. He further states that the information was supplied to the appellant in Appeal Case No.1430 of 2022 vide letter dated 09.03.2022 which was disposed off by Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Shri Sanjeev Garg vide order dated 30.08.2022. He further states that the appellant has also been sent reply in this regard vide letter dated 18.10.2022 and requests that this appeal case may also be disposed off as the same information stands supplied in AC No.1430/2022.

4. In view of the submissions made by the respondent, the Bench is convinced that requisite information stands supplied to the appellant and no further action in the matter is called for. As such, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.10.2022**

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

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies, Punjab, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Principal Secretary,
Local Bodies, Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.3710 of 2020

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **Shri Ramaninder Singh, Sr. Assistant/APIO, Local Govt.-1 Branch,
O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh-in person.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant has not come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex. However, an e.mail dated 19.10.2022 has been received from him stating that he is unwell and has requested for fixing the hearing for 03.11.2022.
3. Shri Ramaninder Singh, Senior Assistant/APIO O/o Principal Secretary, Local Govt., Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the complaint dated 10.08.2020 referred to in RTI application dated 28.08.2020 on which action taken report has been sought by the appellant is not available in the office of Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab. As such, letter dated 06.07.2022 was written to the appellant to send a copy of the said complaint and the appellant was also requested by contacting him on his mobile phone to send copy of the complaint, but no response from the appellant has been received till date. He further states that unless a copy of the complaint is made available by the appellant, further action cannot be taken.
4. The Bench observes that the appellant was directed to send copy of the complaint dated 10.08.2020 to the PIO as well as to the Commission. He has, however, not complied with the directions of the Bench.
5. In view of the above, the Bench is not inclined to proceed further in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
19.10.2022**

**Sd/-
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Shri Lajpat Rai Garg
S/o Shri Harbans Lal
R/o Romana Street, Jaito,
Tehsil Jaito, Distt. Faridkot.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.2712 of 2022

Present:

- (i) Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, Appellant- in person.
- (ii) Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Sr. Assistant, General Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.
- (iii) Shri Manpreet Singh, Legal Assistant, Legal Branch O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab- in person.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant comes present in person before the Bench.
3. Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, and Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Smt. Sunita Sharma states that in compliance with the directions of Hon'ble Commission, the appellant was allowed inspection of records and copies of the documents as identified by him, comprising 885 pages have been brought along. On the asking of the Bench, she hands over a letter dated 18.10.2022 containing the above information to the appellant in the court itself. The PIO also produces before the Bench an affidavit mentioning therein AC No.2712, 2713 and 2711.
4. Shri Manpreet Singh, Legal Assistant, Legal Branch O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab comes present in person before the Bench and states that in compliance with the directions of Hon'ble Commission, the appellant was allowed inspection of records and copies of the documents as identified by

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him, comprising 177 pages have been brought along, as the appellant had refused to take the same by hand in their office. On the asking of the Bench, he hands over the information to the appellant in the court itself.

5. The appellant, on going through the documents provided to him, states that the copies of Audit Reports as per point No.4 of RTI application have not been provided by the PIO-cum-Section Officer (Accounts Branch). The PIO-cum-Section Officer (Accounts Branch) O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab is directed to supply information relating to him within seven days to the appellant.

6. The Superintendent/PIO, General Branch is directed to file separate affidavit, within 21 (twenty one) days on e-Stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as identified by the appellant after inspection of records, as available in the official records in AC No.2712/2022 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 be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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19.10.2022

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- iv) **PIO-cum-Law Officer O/o Director, Local Govt. Punjab, Chandigarh.**

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....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.2713 of 2022

Present:

- (i) Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, Appellant- in person.
- (ii) Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Sr. Assistant, General Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.
- (iii) Shri Rajiv Saggar, Superintendent, O/o C.V.O., Director, Local Government, Punjab- in person.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant comes present in person before the Bench.
3. Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, and Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Smt. Sunita Sharma states that in compliance with the directions of Hon'ble Commission, the appellant was allowed inspection of records and copies of the documents as identified by him, comprising 885 pages have been brought along. On the asking of the Bench, she hands over a letter dated 18.10.2022 containing the above information to the appellant in the court itself. The PIO also produces before the Bench an affidavit mentioning therein AC No.2712, 2713 and 2711.
4. Shri Rajiv Saggar, Superintendent, O/o C.V.O., Director, Local Govt. Punjab comes present in person before the Bench and states that information has been supplied to the appellant as stated by him during the previous hearing.

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5. The Superintendent/PIO, General Branch is directed to file separate affidavit within 21 (twenty one) days on e-Stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as identified by the appellant after inspection of records and as available in the official records in AC No.2713/2022 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 be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

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

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Public Information Officer

O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director,
Local Govt., Punjab,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.2711 of 2022

Present:

- (i) Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, Appellant- in person.
- (ii) Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Sr. Assistant, General Branch O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab, Chandigarh- in person.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.09.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Lajpat Rai Garg, appellant comes present in person before the Bench.
3. Smt. Sunita Sharma, Superintendent/PIO, and Smt. Sarabjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, General Branch, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Smt. Sunita Sharma states that in compliance with the directions of Hon'ble Commission, the appellant was allowed inspection of records and copies of the documents as identified by him, comprising 885 pages have been brought along. On the asking of the Bench, she hands over a letter dated 18.10.2022 containing the above information to the appellant in the court itself. The PIO also produces before the Bench an affidavit mentioning therein AC No.2712, 2713 and 2711.

4. The appellant, on going through the documents provided to him, states that the copies of Audit Reports as per point No.3 of RTI application have not been provided by the PIO-cum-Section Officer (Accounts Branch). The PIO-cum-Section Officer (Accounts Branch) O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab is directed to supply information relating to him within seven days to the appellant.

5. The Superintendent/PIO, General Branch is directed to file separate affidavit within 21 (twenty one) days on e-Stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as identified by the appellant after inspection of records and as available in the official records in AC No.2711/2022 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 be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

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

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Shri Rajnish Bharara
520, Preet Colony,
Zirakpur, District Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Phagwara.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Phagwara.

...Respondents

AC No.722/2022

Present: (i) Shri Rajnish Bharara, Appellant, in person.
(ii) Shri Gurmel Singh, Superintendent , Establishment Branch, O/o Municipal Corporation, Phagwara, District Kapurthala, in person.

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 Rajnish Bharara, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Shri Gurmel Singh, Superintendent, RTI/APIO, Municipal Corporation, Phagwara comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has brought along a letter dated 17.10.2022 containing information point-wise in an annotated form and hands over copy of the same to the appellant in the court itself.
4. The appellant states that he needs some time to go through the information. Then he is advised to sit along with the respondent Shri Gurmel Singh in the adjacent court room and after perusing the information supplied, report back to the Bench.
5. As directed by the Bench, the respondent shows the appellant the information brought along and the relevant record. Thereafter, the appellant appears before the Bench and still expresses his dis-satisfaction over the information supplied.

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6. Post deliberations and perusal of the information supplied, the Bench is convinced that adequate information stands supplied to the appellant and on the asking of the Bench, the respondent states that the information as available in the official records has been supplied to the appellant. As the appellant does not take the copy from the respondent, the PIO is directed to send the information by registered post to the appellant earliest.

7. The Bench now directs the PIO Municipal Corporation, Phagwara to file an affidavit within 21 (twenty one) days on e-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.722/2022 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that information supplied is true and correct and nothing has been concealed therein. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

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

**Chandigarh
19.10.2022**

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation, Phagwara.

Public Information Officer
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Municipal Corporation, Phagwara.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o O/o Municipal Corporation,
Phagwara.

...Respondents

AC No.717/2022

Present:

- (i) Shri Rajnish Bharara, Appellant, in person.
- (ii) Shri Mukul Kesar, Superintendent , RTI Branch, O/o Municipal Corporation, Phagwara, District Kapurthala, in person.
- (iii) Shri Sham Lal Gupta, Superintending Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Phagwara- in person.

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 Rajnish Bharara, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
3. Shri Mukul Kesar, Superintendent, RTI/APIO, Municipal Corporation, Phagwara and Shri Sham Lal Gupta, Superintending Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Phagwara come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and state that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 10.10.2022 by registered post giving point-wise reply. Since the appellant denies receipt of information, he is handed over copy of information by the respondent in the court itself.
4. The appellant states that he needs some time to go through the information. Then he is advised to sit along with the respondent Shri Mukul Kesar, Superintendent and Shri Sham Lal Gupta, Superintending Engineer in the adjacent court room and after perusing the information supplied, to report back to the Bench.

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AC No.717/2022

5. As directed by the Bench, the respondent shows the appellant information brought along and the relevant record. Thereafter, the appellant appears before the Bench and still expresses his dissatisfaction over the information supplied.

6. Post deliberations and perusal of the information supplied, the Bench is convinced that adequate information stands supplied to the appellant and on the asking of the Bench, the respondent states that the information as available in the official records has been supplied to the appellant.

7. The Bench now directs the PIO Municipal Corporation, Phagwara to file an affidavit on e-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.717/2022 has been supplied the appellant. It be further stated that information supplied is true and correct and nothing has been concealed therein and nothing has been concealed therein. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

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

**Chandigarh
19.10.2022**

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