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Shri Sushil Kumar,  
#1410, Phase-I, Urban Estate,  
Dugri Road, Ludhiana-141013.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Nodal Officer, RTI Cell,  
Punjab State Power Corpn. Ltd.,  
(PSPCL), Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
Chief Engineer, HRD,  
Punjab State Power Corpn. Ltd.,  
(PSPCL), Patiala.

....Respondents

**AC No.3240 of 2021**

- Present:**
- (i) Appellant- absent.
  - (ii) Shri Pal Singh, Senior Assistant, PSPCL, Patiala, on behalf of the PIO/respondent.
  - (iii) Shri Jatinder Mohan Bhandari, SDO and Shri Nazam Singh, Steno, Janta Nagar Division (Spl.), PSPCL, Ludhiana, in person.

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.01.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Sushil Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex. Instead of complying with the directions of the Bench as given on the previous hearing, he has chosen to absent himself and has sent an e.mail dated 15.04.2022 stating that till date, he has not received the information sought by him nor he has received the affidavit.
3. Shri Pal Singh, Senior Assistant, PSPCL, comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO in person. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 21.05.2021 and again on 05.07.2021 and he also produces before the Bench the original affidavit of the PIO-cum-Deputy Secretary/Technical-3, PSPCL, Patiala.

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4. Shri Jatinder Mohan Bhandari, SDO and Sh.Nazam Singh, Steno,Janta Nagar Division (Spl.), PSPCL, Ludhiana, come present in person before the Bench and state that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 05.07.2021. They also produce before the Bench original affidavit of Er. Sanjay Kumar Jain, Senior Executive Engineer, Janta Nagar Division, Special, PSPCL, Ludhiana.

5. The Bench on perusal of the affidavits finds that these are not in consonance with the directions of Bench. The affidavit 18.04.2022 has been signed by the APIO-cum-Deputy Secretary, Technical-3. PSPCL, Patiala whereas it should have been signed by the PIO/Deputy Chief Engineer/Technical, PSPCL, Patiala. Similarly, the affidavit has been signed by Shri Sanjay Kumar Jain, Sr. Executive Engineer, whereas it should have been signed by the Deputy Chief Engineer/HQ, Central Zone, PSPCL, Ludhiana. Both the PIOs are directed to execute the affidavits accordingly and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. The Bench contacts the appellant on mobile phone to apprise him of the version of the representatives of PIO and to hear his version thereto. But he does not respond to the phone call. The Bench observes that the appellant avoids being available for the hearings and has always denied receipt of information even when the same has been forwarded by registered post. The appellant is requested to cooperate. The Bench also observes that the appellant addresses the RTI application to the Nodal Officer, PSPCL, Patiala and the information sought involves more than one PIO. In the present case, two PIOs are involved. The appellant is advised to address his RTI application to a specific PIO to whom the information sought relates, rather than seeking information on issues relating to different offices and PIOs. He is also advised to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing and the affidavits will be handed over to him during the hearing itself.

7. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 25.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
20.04.2022**

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**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
Chief Engineer, HRD,  
Punjab State Power Corpn. Ltd.,  
(PSPCL), Patiala.

....Respondents

**AC No.3118 of 2021**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Inderjeet Singh, Addl.S.E., Enforcement-2, PSPCL, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/respondent, in person.
- (iii) Shri Jatinder Mohan Bhandari, SDO and Shri Nazam Singh, Steno, Janta Nagar Division (Spl.), PSPCL, Ludhiana, in person.

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.01.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Sushil Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex. Instead of complying with the directions of the Bench as given on the previous hearing, he has chosen to absent himself and has sent an e.mail dated 15.04.2022 stating that till date, he has not received the information sought by him nor he has received the affidavit.
3. Shri Inderjeet Singh, Addl. S.E., Enforcement-2, PSPCL, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of the PIO. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 18.05.2021 and again on 14.10.2021 by registered post. He also produces before the Bench the original affidavit of PIO/Dy. Chief Engineer, Enforcement-2, PSPCL, Ludhiana.

4. Shri Jatinder Mohan Bhandari, SDO and Sh.Nazam Singh, Steno,Janta Nagar Division (Spl.), PSPCL, Ludhiana, come present in person before the Bench and state that the information relating to Circle/Divisional Offices under Central Zone, PSPCL Janta Nagar Division Special, Ludhiana, has been supplied to the appellants directly. They also produce before the Bench original affidavit of Er. Sanjay Kumar Jain, Senior Executive Engineer, Janta Nagar Division, Special, PSPCL, Ludhiana.

5. The Bench on perusal of the affidavit finds that affidavit dated 23.02.2022 is in order and the affidavit of PIO Janta Nagar (Special ) Division, PSPCL, Ludhiana has been signed by Shri Sanjay Kumar Jain, Sr. Executive Engineer, whereas it should have been signed by the Deputy Chief Engineer/HQ, Central Zone, PSPCL, Ludhiana, who is directed to execute the affidavit accordingly and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. The Bench contacts the appellants on mobile phone to apprise him of the version of the representatives of PIO and to hear his version thereto. But he does not respond to the phone call. The Bench observes that the appellants avoid being available for the hearings and has always denied receipt of information even when the same has been forwarded by registered post. The appellants are requested to cooperate. The Bench also observes that the appellants address the RTI application to the Nodal Officer, PSPCL, Patiala and the information sought involves more than one PIO. In the present case, two PIOs are involved. The appellants are advised to address his RTI application to a specific PIO to whom the information sought relates, rather than seeking information on issues relating to different offices and PIOs. He is also advised to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing and the affidavits will be handed over to him during the hearing itself.

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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,  
Whistle Blower Social Worker  
District President,Ludhiana NCAG  
No.60-35-p-376-1, Street No.8,  
Maha Singh Nagar, PO Dhandari Kaln,  
Ludhiana-141014.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o The Chief Administrator,  
Greater Ludhiana Area Development  
Authority (GLADA), Ludhiana.

...Respondents

**AC No.1051 of 2021**

**Present: (i) Shri Gurmej Lal on behalf of the Appellant  
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

**ORDER**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.01.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing and Shri Gurmej Lal, attends the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the appellant . He states that the appellant has not been supplied any information as yet.
3. Neither the PIO has come present in person nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor the PIO has supplied any information to the appellant.

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**AC No.1051/2021**

4. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that the PIO has also not filed reply to the show cause notice issued on the previous hearing. He is directed to supply information to the appellant and file reply to the show cause notice before the next hearing. He is also directed to ensure to come present in person bringing along the entire relevant record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 25.07.2022 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 Kanwal Nain Singh,  
# 62, Model Town,  
Ambala City.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Greater Mohali Area Development  
Authority(GMADA), PUDA Bhawan,  
Sector-62, Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

O/o Estate Officer,  
Greater Mohali Area Development  
Authority(GMADA), 1st Floor,  
PUDA Bhawan, Sector-62, Mohali.

....Respondents

**AC No.3343 of 2021**

**Present: (i) Shri Kanwal Nain Singh, Appellant, in person.  
(ii) Shri Gurvinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer/PIO, GMADA, Mohali,  
in person.**

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.01.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Kanwal Nain Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has received reply vide letter dated 09.10.2021 from the office of Chief Town Planner, Punjab, Mohali that no project by the name of Akal Ashram Colony, Sohana has been approved. He has further received reply to points C, D, E & F of his RTI application, but no reply has been received to points No.A, B, G & H.
3. Shri Gurvinder Singh, PIO O/o GMADA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that reply to points C, D, E & F has been given by the Land Acquisition Collector, GMADA, Mohali and some of the information relates to Legal Cell of GMADA and it has to be supplied by the Legal Cell.

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**AC No.3343/2021**

4. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO O/o Chief Administrator, GMADA, Mohali to provide point-wise information to the appellant as also to file reply to the show cause notice issued earlier and comply with the directions of the Bench.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 25.07.2022 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 Malkeet Singh,  
S/o Late Shri Santokh Singh,  
R/o Village Panjwa Mandal,  
Tehsil Khuhian Sarvar,  
District Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Fazilka.

....Respondents

**AC No.232 of 2021**

**Present:**

- (i) Shri Malkeet Singh, Appellant, in person.
- (ii) Shri Pardeep Sing, Senior Assistant, O/o D.C. Fazilka on behalf of PIO, through cisco webex.
- (iii) Shri Sunil Kumar, Computer Operator O/o BDPO Khuhian Sarvar at Abohar, on behalf of PIO, in person.

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.01.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Malkeet Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person. He states that as per directions of Hon'ble Bench, he has not been supplied point-wise information. He rather alleges that he was called to D.C. Office, Fazilka and was pressurized to sign a letter confirming receipt of documents which he refused and as such, his grievance still remains unaddressed.
3. Shri Sunil Kumar, Computer Operator O/o BDPO Khuhian Sarvar at Abohar comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant has told the PIO O/o BDPO, Khuhian Sarvar at Abohar that information sought by him does not relate to BDPO Khuhian Sarvar at Abohar.

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4. Shri Pardeep Singh, Senior Assistant O/o D.C. Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the RTI application of the appellant has been transferred to ADC(D), Fazilka and further to BDPO Khuhian Sarvar.

5. On perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that so far as the part of information relating to ADC (D), Fazilka is concerned, the action with regard to examining the eligibility of the appellant for allotment of a dwelling unit under PMAY, has been taken by the PIO O/o BDPO Khuhian Sarvar at Abohar. However, the grievance which remains unaddressed, is provision of information relating to the enquiry report on the enquiry conducted by E.O. Wing/DSP (Invest.), Fazilka and the related documents which have not been supplied till date to the appellant.

5. The Bench also notes with concern that the PIO O/o D.C. Office was directed to come present in person before the Bench, whereas the representative of PIO Shri Pardeep Singh attends the hearing through cisco webex, and was not prepared with the facts of the case. It seems that the PIO O/o D.C. Fazilka has not perused the contents of previous order dated 31.01.2022. The Bench had directed on the previous hearing the D.C. Fazilka to look into and get the matter sorted out, however, no action seems to have been taken at all.

6. The Bench observes that apart from the delay in supplying the information to the appellant, the appellant has been made to run from pillar to post to get the information and thus, he has been put to a lot of harassment by the PIO due to casual and unresponsive approach on the part of PIO O/o D.C. Fazilka. The appellant is a poor man working as daily wage earner and repeated absence of work due to the case has resulted in loss of livelihood to him The Bench thus feels that it is a just case for the award of compensation and awards a compensation of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) to the appellant. The compensation amount must be paid by the respondent PIO O/o D.C. Fazilka through cheque or demand draft in favour of Malkeet Singh from the account of the public authority and not from the individual's account. He is also directed to send a photocopy of the cheque or draft to the Commission.



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**AC No.232/2021**

7. The Bench now directs the PIO O/o Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka to ensure to supply information to the appellant point-wise strictly as per RTI application of the appellant and ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 25.07.2022 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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2. Public Information Officer O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.), Fazilka.
3. Public Information Officer O/o BDPO Khuhian Sarvar at Abohar, Distt. Fazilka.
4. Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka (By name), with reference to the order dated 31.01.2022 for compliance.

