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Shri Gurmeet Singh
S/o Shri Shamsheer Singh
R/o Village Haraj,
Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Panchayat Secretary,
Gram Panchayat, Haraj,
Block Ghall Khurd,
Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Financial Commissioner,
Rural Development & Panchayat
Department, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

AC No.300/2022

Present: (i) **Shri Gurmeet Singh, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **Shri Daljit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Haraj, Tehsil and District Ferozepur, on behalf of the PIO/respondent, in person.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 18.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gurmeet Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the no information has been supplied so far.
3. Shri Daljit Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Haraj, District Ferozepur comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has brought along the information duly attested for handing over to the appellant.
4. The Bench directs the respondent to sit in the adjacent court room with the appellant and show him the information brought along. Thereafter, the respondent reports back and informs that point-wise information has been handed over to the appellant. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that bank statements are not available in the said information as sought by him vide his RTI application.

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5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the respondent to provide the bank statements as pointed out by the appellant within a week's time. He assures to do the needful.

6. In view of the assurance given by the respondent to the Bench, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
20.07.2022

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Jaspal Singh
S/o Shri Gurdiyal Singh
R/o V&PO Mahadiyan,
Tehsil & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer, Bassi Pathana,
District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority
O/o. Deputy Commissioner ,
Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondents

AC No.294/2022

Present:

- (i) Shri Japsal Singh, Appellant, in person.
- (ii) Shri Harvinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mahadiyan, on behalf of PIO/respondent, along with Shri Pritpal Singh, Village Mahadian, Tehsil Bassi Pathana, District Fatehgarh Sahib, in person.
- (iii) Shri Manpreet Singh, A.P.O., MGNREGA, Block Bassi Pathana, District Fatehgarh Sahib, in person.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 18.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jaspal Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that no information has been supplied to him so far.
3. Shri Harvinder Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mahadiyan, District Fatehgarh Sahib comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has brought along the information sought by the appellant for handing over to him as well as the relevant record. He is then directed to sit in the adjoining court room and show the same to the appellant and hand over the same to the appellant.
4. Shri Manpreet Singh, A.P.O., MGNREGA, Block Bassi Pathana, District Fatehgarh Sahib, comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the information sought relating to MGNREGA is available on the website of the Department which can be accessed by the appellant.



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4. Thereafter, the representative of PIO appears before the Bench and states that the information duly attested comprising 879 pages has been handed over to the appellant. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant expresses satisfaction over the information supplied. He, however, states that the information has been delayed inordinately.

5. The Bench, on perusing the RTI application of the appellant and the description of information comprising 879 pages, observes that the said information entailed collection and compilation being voluminous and thus, the Bench is not inclined to agree with the contention raised by the appellant. The Bench is convinced that the information stands supplied to the satisfaction of the appellant.

6. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
20.07.2022**

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Shri Jasbir Singh,
S/o Shri Harbans Singh,
R/o Village Jalalkhera,
Tehsil & Distt. Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer(DDPO)
Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.292/2022

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 18.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Patiala has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He has, however, sent letter dated 28.06.2022 by e.mail stating that the record was got inspected by the appellant and after perusing the entire record, he has expressed his satisfaction over the same. The appellant, after inspection of record, stated that he will collect the photocopies of the information subsequently.
4. The Bench observes that an e.mail 28.06.2022 has also been received from the appellant wherein he has confirmed the version as made by the PIO in his e.mail dated 28.06.2022.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regulatory Branch,
Greater Mohali Area
Development Authority (GMADA),
PUDA Bhawan, Mohali.

Public Information Officer

Building Branch,
Greater Mohali Area
Development Authority (GMADA),
PUDA Bhawan, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Punjab Urban Planning &
Development Authority (PUDA),
PUDA Bhawan, Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No.1022 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, Appellant (ciso webex).**
(ii) **Shri Gurwinder Singh, Asstt.Estate Officer/PIO along with
Shri Umesh Sehgal, Sr. Assistant, GMADA, Mohali, in person.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Tejinder Singh, comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has received partial information only and information on points No.1, 4 & 5 is yet to be provided.

3. Shri Gurwinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer/PIO comes present to attend the hearing along with Shri Umesh Sehgal, Senior Assistant, GMADA, Mohali and states that the point wise information has been supplied to appellant. He also states that the appellant was also called for inspection of records, however, he has not turned up to inspect the record. But the appellant denies receipt of complete information. Then, the PIO explains to him the information supplied and the present position with regard to each point.



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4. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office today itself and allow him access to the relevant official records relating to Regulatory Branch and the information as may be identified by the appellant on Point No.1, 4 & 5 of RTI application be supplied to the appellant on priority.

5. As per directions of the Bench, the appellant visits the office of PIO for inspection of records. The PIO, post visit, informs that the relevant records have been got inspected by the appellant and assures the Bench to provide information to the appellant within two days.

6. In view of the assurance given by the PIO, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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20.07.2022**

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Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Greater Mohali Area
Development Authority (GMADA),
Puda Bhawan, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Greater Mohali Area
Development Authority (GMADA),
Puda Bhawan, Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No.1023 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, Appellant (cisco webex)**
(ii) **Shri Gurwinder Singh, Asstt. Estate Officer/PIO along with
Shri Om Bahadur, Sr. Assistant, GMADA, Mohali, in person.**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex/in person)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Tejinder Singh, comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Gurwinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer/PIO comes present to attend the hearing along with Shri Om Bahadur, Senior Assistant, GMADA, Mohali and states that the information comprising 102 notices issued, has been supplied to appellant and he has also brought along another copy for perusal by the Bench.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies receipt of information.
5. The appellant, post deliberations, is asked to collect the information from the office of PIO on priority.
6. The appellant collects and examines the information in the office of PIO on the same date. He confirms the receipt of information to his satisfaction on the same day.
7. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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20.07.2022**

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Shri Vinod (Kalu Murtian Wala)
S/o Shri Suresh Kumar
Ward No.94, B-34, Plot No.121,
Near Pehalwan Ka Dera,
Rajouri Garden, Jassian Road,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Engineer,
PSPCL, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer,
PSPCL, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.4509/2021

Present:

- (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **Shri Daljit Singh, Addl. S.E. Agar Nagar Division, PSPCL, Ludhiana, on behalf of PIO/Respondent, in person.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Vinod, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Daljit Singh, Addl. S.E., Agar Nagar Division, PSPCL, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that although the information sought by the appellant is available on the website of PSPCL, yet the hard copy of the information asked for by the appellant has been supplied vide letter dated 27.01.2022 and 04.07.2022 by registered post and shows the postal receipt for having sent the information to the appellant.
4. Shri Vinod is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies receipt of any information. He is then made to talk to Shri Daljit Singh, Addl.S.E. who explains to him the details of information supplied. Subsequently, on the asking of the Bench, the appellant confirms the receipt of information and states that he was confused about the No. of the appeal case.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
20.07.2022**

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Shri Kamaljit Singh Anand, .
Advocate, Chamber No.5014,
5th Floor, District Courts,
Ludhiana-141010.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

Public Information Officer

Sub Divisional Officer
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.4475 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Manpreet Singh, Superintendent O/o GLADA, Ludhiana,
on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Kamaljit Singh Anand, appellant has not comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Manpreet Singh, Superintendent, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO in person before the Bench. He states that notice to the proprietor of the building has been issued as also the copy of approved plan with regard to the building mentioned in the RTI application has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 11.07.2022.
4. Shri Kamaljit Singh Anand, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He is made to talk to the representative of PIO who explains to him the details of information supplied. Then, on the asking of the Bench, the appellant refers to his e.mail dated 20.07.2022 sent to the Commission confirming the receipt of information to his satisfaction and also gives his consent to close the case.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
20.07.2022**

**Sd/-
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Ludhiana-141010.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

Public Information Officer

Sub Divisional Officer
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.4474 of 2021

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Manpreet Singh, Superintendent O/o GLADA, Ludhiana,
on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Kamaljit Singh Anand, appellant has not comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Manpreet Singh, Superintendent, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO in person before the Bench. He states that notice to the proprietor of the building has been issued as also copy of approved plan with regard to the building mentioned in the RTI application has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 11.07.2022.
4. Shri Kamaljit Singh Anand, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He is made to talk to the representative of PIO who explains to him the details of information supplied. Then, on the asking of the Bench, the appellant refers to his e.mail dated 20.07.2022 sent to the Commission confirming the receipt of information to his satisfaction and also gives his consent to close the case.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
20.07.2022**

**Sd/-
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S/o Shri Sant Singh
R/o Narang Colony, Street No.3
H.No.10330, Near Gurmukh Dholi,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Engineer,
Panchayati Raj, PWD Division,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Superintending Engineer,
Panchayati Raj, PWD Circle,
Amritsar.

...Respondents

AC No.5491/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Manjit Singh, Appellant (cisco webex).**
(ii) **Shri Nishan Singh, Superintendent O/o Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, PWD Division, Amritsar (cisco webex)**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 19.04.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Manjit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Nishan Singh, Superintendent O/o Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, PWD Division, Amritsar comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 01.10.2021 and that the appellant was also given opportunity to inspect the records on 08.11.2021, but he declined to do so.
4. Due to problem in audio connectivity through cisco webex, the appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He states that out of four points, he has received information on point No.2 and he is not satisfied with the information on other points. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of PIO states that complete information as available in the official records has been supplied to the appellant.

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AC No.5491/2021

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to file an affidavit on non judicial stamp paper, within 21 (Twenty one) days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information asked for by the appellant as available in the official records in Appeal Case No.5491/2021 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.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
20.07.2022**

**Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Shri Prem Kumar Rattan,
H.No.78/8, Park Road,
Navi Mandi, Dhuri,
District Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Chief Managing Director,
PSPCL, Lower Mall, Patiala.,

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Managing Director,
PSPCL, Lower Mall, Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.2250/2022

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Mandeep Singh, Addl. S.E. Sales, PSPCL, Patiala,
on behalf of the PIO/respondent, in person.

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 16.02.2022 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 16.03.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.07.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. He has, however, sent letter dated 15.07.2022 stating that he is going to Canada to join his children and as such, is unable to attend the hearing and has requested for another date any time after 10.09.2022.

3. Shri Mandeep Singh, Addl. S.E. Sales, PSPCL, Patiala comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that complete information sought by the appellant vide his RTI application has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 12.07.2022, and a copy of the same was sent to the Hon'ble Commission.

4. The Bench examines the documents supplied to the appellant by the PIO and is convinced that the requisite information stands supplied to the appellant.

5. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel need for further intervention in the matter. **The instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
20.07.2022**

**Sd/-
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District Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Chief Managing Director,
PSPCL, Lower Mall, Patiala.,

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Managing Director,
PSPCL, Lower Mall, Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.2248/2022

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Ajay Bansal, Dy. Chief Engineer/HQs., South Zone, PSPCL, Patiala, PIO/respondent.
(iii) Shri Deepinder Singh, Sr. XEN, O/o Controller, Stores & Disposal (South), PSPCL, Patiala

ORDER

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 17.02.2022 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 16.03.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 09.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.07.2022. Accordingly, the case was scheduled to be heard today. Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. He has, however, sent letter dated 15.07.2022 stating that he is going to Canada to join his children and as such, is unable to attend the hearing and has requested for another date any time after 10.09.2022.

3. Shri Ajay Bansal, Dy. Chief Engineer/HQs/PIO, PSPCL, Patiala comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that Point No.1 relates to his office and point No.2 & 3 relate to Controller of Stores & Disposal. He further states that similar information was supplied to the appellant in another Appeal Case No.4518/2021 which was disposed off by the Hon'ble Bench vide letter dated 25.01.2022 on the ground that multiple PIOs were involved in the said appeal case. He further states that point No.2 & 3 in the instant appeal case are the same as at Point No.5 & 6 in AC no.4518/2021.

4. Shri Deepinder Singh, Sr.XEN, O/o Controller of Stores & Disposal (South), PSPCL, Patiala attends the hearing in person before the Bench and produces before the Bench letter dated 19.07.2022. He states that similar information was supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 05.08.2021 and in this appeal case, the information has been supplied vide letters dated 13.06.2022 and 22.06.2022. He further states that the information sought is voluminous and is not specific and the appellant was also called to office on 21.06.2022 to ascertain the exact details.

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5. The Bench, on perusal of the case file and hearing the version of the PIO/representative of PIO as well as perusing the letters of Nodal Officer, observes that the information sought by the appellant relates to such issues which entail collection, collating and compilation of information and more than one PIOs are involved. The Bench also observes from the version of the PIOs that the appellant is seeking the same information repeatedly, which has already been supplied to him.

6. The Bench, as per observations made above, is of the view that the appellant cannot seek information in single RTI application from multiple public authorities. A Full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab has in Complaint Case No.2903 of 2011 decided on 13.01.2012, ruled as under:-

“We hold that under Section (3) of the Act *ibid*, the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that hold the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer the request to multiple authorities.

7. The Bench further observes that the PIOs O/o Dy. Chief Engineer/HQs/PIO, PSPCL, Patiala and O/o Controller of Stores & Disposal (South), PSPCL, Patiala have made efforts to supply information to the appellant but the information asked for by the appellant entails collection, collating and compilation, thereby resulting in wastage of time of multiple PIOs involved. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in matter of CBSE vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay, (2011) 8 SCC 497, held as under:-

“67. Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under the RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counterproductive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure to the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead employees of a public authorities prioritizing “information furnishing”, at the cost of their normal and regular duties.

8. In view of the above, it does not seem to be appropriate for the appellant to seek information which may entail engaging 75% of the employees of a public authority to collect and compile the information for furnishing the same to the appellant. The Bench advises the appellant to go for seeking information by filing separate RTI application before a specific public authority who has its separate PIO.

9. In view of the aforesaid observations, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
20.07.2022

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Village Bika,
District SBS Nagar.

..... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer, PSPCL,
Banga, District Nawanshahar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer, Zonal,
PSPCL, Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4075 of 2021

Present:- (i) **Shri Makhan Singh, Appellant, in person**
(ii) **Shri Suvikas Paul, Sr. XEN, PSPCL, Banga, Shri Ramesh Kailay, SDO and Shri Kanwaldeep Singh, Revenue Accountant, Sub Division, PSPCL, Mukandpur, District SBS Nagar, in person.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.06.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Makhan 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. Shri Ramesh Kailay, SDO and Shri Kamaldeep Singh, Revenue Accountant, Sub Division, PSPCL, Mukandpur comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the appellant was given information addressing each point of RTI application vide letter dated 19.07.2022 but he refused to receive the same and the same has now been brought along before the Bench. On the asking of the Bench, he hands over a copy of the same to the appellant. The appellant expresses dis-satisfaction over the information after seeing it briefly.
4. The Bench directs the representative of PIO to sit in the adjacent court room and clarify the position with regard to each point to the appellant. Thereafter, the representative of PIO Shri Ramesh Kailay reports back to the Bench and states that the appellant is still not satisfied and states that the main grievance of the appellant is shifting of an electricity cable passing by his house which provides electricity supply to

fifteen number of houses of the locality. He further states that the electricity cable will be shifted for which the appellant will have to submit an application separately, suggesting a possible route for shifting the said electricity line and the expenditure in this regard will have to be borne by the appellant.

5. The Bench observes that the appellant is not satisfied with the information supplied and wants his grievance to be resolved. However, the grievance raised by the appellant is an executive action which is to be taken by the officer concerned. It does not constitute part of information sought. Now, the Bench directs the PIO to file an affidavit on non judicial stamp paper, within 21 (Twenty one) days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information asked for by the appellant as available in the official records in Appeal Case No.4075/2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. As regards resolving the grievance, the same will be resolved on priority by adopting the procedure of the Department. 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.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
20.07.2022

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(PSPCL), Patiala.

First Appellate Authority

Chief Engineer (P&M),
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3616 of 2021

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Arun Kumar Gupta, Dy. Chief Engineer/Tech. to Director, Distribution, PSPCL, Patiala, in person.
- (iii) Shri Kamaldeep Arora, Addl.S.E., Technical Audit-2, PSPCL, Patiala, in person.
- (iii) Shri Jaswinder Singh, Addl.S.E. and Shri Arshveer Singh,ASSA. P&M Division, PSPCL, Khanna, Ludhiana, in person.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 29.06.2022 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 before the Bench or through cisco webex. However, e.mail dated 11.07.2022, has been received from the appellant stating that he has not received information after removing deficiencies pointed out even after 410 days. He also states that the case may not be closed without his consent or else he will submit complaint to Governor of Punjab, President of India, Prime Minister of India and file a petition in the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court.
3. Shri Arun Kumar Gupta, Dy. Chief Engineer, Technical to Director, Distribution, PSPCL, Patiala comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the original affidavit, as per directions of Hon'ble Bench, was produced before the Hon'ble Bench on the previous hearing. Shri Jaswinder Singh, Addl. S.E., P&M Division, PSPCL, Khanna, District Ludhiana also comes present to attend the hearing in person

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before the Bench and states that the original affidavit of the PIO was produced before the Bench on the previous hearing. Shri Kamaldeep Arora, Addl. S.E./Tech. Audit (Elec.), PSPCL, Patiala comes present in person before the Bench and produces before the Bench the original affidavit dated 14.07.2022 of Er. Amardeep Singh Brar, PIO-cum-Dy.C.E./TA (Elect.), PSPCL, Patiala.

4. The Bench, on perusal of the contents of affidavits submitted on behalf of PIO, Dy. Chief Engineer/Tech. to Director, Distribution, PSPCL, Patiala, PIO-cum-Dy. Chief Engineer, P&M Circle, PSPCL, Ludhiana and PIO/Dy. Chief Engineer/Tech. Audit (Elec.), PSPCL, Patiala, observes that the contents of the affidavits are in order and the Bench is convinced that the orders of the Bench stand complied with.

5. The Bench, on perusal of case file and e.mail received from the appellant, observes that the appellant remains absent on every date of hearing and rather chooses to abstain from attending the hearing in person before the Bench just by sending an e.mail. The Bench also observes that the language used by the appellant in his e.mail is highly objectionable and shows his utter disregard to the decorum/sanctity of the Commission.

6. The original affidavits filed by the PIO, Dy. Chief Engineer/Tech. to Director, Distribution, PSPCL, Patiala, PIO-cum-Dy. Chief Engineer, P&M Circle, PSPCL, Ludhiana and PIO/Dy. Chief Engineer/Technical Audit (Elec.), PSPCL, Patiala, are being sent to the appellant along with this order.

7. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. The appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
20.07.2022

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First Appellate Authority
Chief Engineer, Central Zone,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
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....Respondents

AC No.3617 of 2021

Present:

- (i) **Appellant-absent**
- (ii) **Shri Srishti Raman Vashisht, Dy. Chief Engineer, Circle West), PSPCL, Ludhiana, in person.**
- (iii) **Shri Kamaldeep Arora, Addl.S.E., Technical Audit-2, PSPCL, Patiala, in person.**
- (iv) **Shri Amandeep Singh, Sr. XEN, Enforcemnt-6, PSPCL, Ludhiana, in person.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 29.06.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Smt. Neena Gupta, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through CISCO Webex. However, e-mails dated 11.07.2022, and 14.07.2022 (2 No.) have been received from the appellant stating therein that she has not received rectified information in spite of lapse of 360 days and that if information is not available, she may be provided affidavit by the PIO. She has further stated that the appeal case may not be closed without her consent or else she will submit complaint to Governor of Punjab, President of India and Prime Minister of India and file a petition in the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court.

3. Shri Kamaldeep Arora, Addl. S.E. Technical Audit-2, Patiala comes present in person before the Bench and states that as per directions of Hon'ble Bench on previous hearing, he has brought along a fresh affidavit signed by the PIO/Dy. Chief Engineer/TA(Elect.), PSPCL, Patiala and produces the

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same before the Bench. Shri Amandeep Singh, Senior Executive Engineer, Enforcement-6, PSPCL, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and produces before the Bench the original affidavit dated 12.07.2022 signed by PIO/Er. Anil Kumar Deputy Chief Engineer/Enforcement, PSPCL, Ludhiana. Shri Srishti Raman Vashisht, Dy. Chief Engineer, Circle West, PSPCL, Ludhiana comes present in person before the Bench and produces before the Bench the original affidavit dated 13.07.2022 signed by him as the PIO.

4. The Bench, on perusal of the contents of affidavits submitted on behalf of PIO/Dy. Chief Engineer/Tech. Audit (Elec.), PSPCL, Patiala, the PIO-cum-Dy. Chief Engineer, West Circle, PSPCL, Ludhiana and PIO/Deputy Chief Engineer/Enforcement, Ludhiana, observes that the contents of the affidavits are in order and the Bench is convinced that the orders of the Bench stand complied with.

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