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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,  
Whistle Blower, Social Worker,  
District President, Ludhiana NCAG,  
H.No. 60-35-P330, Street No.8,  
Maha Singh Nagar, PO Dhandari Kalan,  
Ludhiana-141003.

... Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Station House Officer,  
Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Police Commissioner,  
Ludhiana.

..... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4095 of 2021**

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

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant comes present in person. He states that neither he has been called for inspection of records nor any information has been provided by the PIO.

3. Neither the PIO, O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana has come present in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.

4. The Bench observes that the PIO O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana is absent from the hearing for the third consecutive time and he has also not complied with the directions of the Bench for calling the appellant for inspection of records and no information has been supplied to the appellant so far. The reply to the show cause notice has also not been filed. Thus, the directions of the Bench still remain to be complied with.

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5. 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.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO,O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana 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.5,000/- 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.**

6. The PIO is also directed to supply requisite information to the appellant and file reply to the Show Cause Notice as also produce evidence for having deposited the penalty in the State Treasury, before the next date of hearing. The PIO is further directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next date of hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.08.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

SD/-

**Chandigarh  
21.06.2022**

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Police Station, Simlapuri, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Police Commissioner,  
Ludhiana.

.....Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 4089 of 2021**

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

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant comes present in person. He states that neither he has been called for inspection of records nor any information has been provided by the PIO.
3. Neither the PIO, O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Simlapuri, Ludhiana has come present in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Simlapuri, Ludhiana is absent from the hearing for the third consecutive time and he has also not complied with the directions of the Bench for calling the appellant for inspection of records and no information has been supplied to the appellant so far. The reply to the show cause notice has also not been filed. Thus, the directions of the Bench still remain to be complied with.

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6. The PIO is also directed to supply requisite information to the appellant and file reply to the Show Cause Notice as also produce evidence for having deposited the penalty in the State Treasury, before the next date of hearing. The PIO is further directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next date of hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.08.2022 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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Maha Singh Nagar,  
PO Dhandari Kalan,  
Ludhiana-141014.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

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

....Respondents

**AC No.3054 of 2020**

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

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The appellant Shri Sarabjeet Singh Gill is absent for today's hearing. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana has come present in person nor through cisco webex nor directions of the Bench regarding filing of affidavit as also producing the evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty have been complied with.
4. The PIO is given another opportunity and directed to comply with the directions of the Bench in totality as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing. The appellant is also advised to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

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5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.08.2022 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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**The Commissioner (By Name), Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.** It is pointed out that the PIO in this case was absent on 13.01.2021, 06.04.2021, 06.07.2021 and 4.03.2021, whereas Dr. Yaseen Sheikh, Veterinary Officer O/o Medical Officer of Health, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana came present before the Bench on 21.09.2021 and 22.12.2021. In this case, show cause notice was issued on 13.01.2021 and penalty was imposed on 06.04.2021. However, neither the reply to show cause notice has been filed nor the penalty of Rs.5000/- imposed on the PIO has been deposited. This reflects poorly on the functioning of Municipal Corporation, especially the functioning of Medical Officer of Health of the Municipal Corporation. The matter be got looked into as to how the PIO concerned has adopted indifferent attitude and casual approach towards the directions of the Bench.

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Shri Rajinder Sofat,  
Kothi No.463/3A, Sector-53,  
Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o GMADA  
Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o GMADA  
Mohali.

...Respondents

**AC No.1380/2022**

**Present:** (i) Shri Rajinder Sofat, Appellant, in person.  
(ii) Shri Gurwinder Singh, AEO, GMADA, Mohali, PIO/Respondent.

**ORDER:**

**(Heard in person/ through Cisco Webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 23.06.2021 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 28.07.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.03.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 21.06.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Rajinder Sofat, appellant comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing. He states that he has not been supplied any information and has received letter dated 15.06.2022 from the Superintendent, RTI, GMADA, Mohali that the information sought is in question form and is vague.

3. Shri Gurwinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer/PIO, GMADA, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the appellant has asked for the information which is in question form and as such, the appellant has been given reply to this effect vide letter dated 01.09.2021 and 15.06.2022.

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4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that the information is not in the question form. He states that the industrial plots were allotted by GMADA, but later on, in matter of giving possession, the public is being harassed and interest on instalments is also being charged wrongly.

4. The Bench, on hearing the version of the appellant, observes that though the RTI application has not been appropriately worded, yet the grievance of the appellant is genuine. Thus, the Bench over-rules the contention of the PIO and directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow access to the appellant to the related official records. The documents as may be identified by the appellant be supplied to him before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, **the mater is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 24.08.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Manish Kumar  
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Dhakoli, Zirakpur,  
District Mohali.

..... Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Executive Engineer  
PSPCL, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Chief Engineer, South Zone,  
PSPCL, Patiala.

...Respondents

**AC No.1385/2022**

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

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 29.09.2021 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 13.11.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.03.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 21.06.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Manish Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through Cisco Webex.
3. Neither the PIO O/o XEN, PSPCL, Patiala has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. However, a letter dated 04.05.2022 is available in the case file whereby the Deputy Chief Engineer, D.S. Circle, PSPCL, Mohali has deputed Er. H.S. Oberoi, Addl.SE/Division, Zirakpur as Deemed PIO directing him to attend the hearing. But he has failed to attend the hearing.

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**AC No.1385/2022**

4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO or his representative, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter and deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The Bench, however, directs the PIO to ensure to supply information to the appellant as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing. The appellant is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.08.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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21.06.2022

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