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.....Respondent

### Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, (9464500405)

(RTI Activist), Ward No. 18, Street No. 2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna, Ludhiana-141401.

.....Appellant/Complainant

# Versus Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Engineer, Municipal Council, MandiGobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

### **First Appellate Authority**

O/o Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Govt. Ludhiana.

## <u>Appeal Case No. 1046, 1047, 1048,1245 and 1246 of 2020</u> (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present: Appellant: Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia

Respondent: Sh. Sandeep Singh (JE), 7508100568

#### ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order 22.06.2021.
- 2. Orders are reserved and will be pronounced in due course of time.

Sd/-

(Maninder Singh Patti)
State Information Commissioner, Pb.

Chandigarh Dated: 21.09.2021

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Appeal Case No. 1449 of 2020 (Cisco Webex Proceedings)

Present: Appellant: Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia

Respondent: Sh. Rajesh Rehni (SDO), 9888089001

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Sh. Sunil Kumar Joshi, (9416900129)

Flat No. 404, GHGS 43, Sector-20, Panchkula.

.....Appellant/Complainant

.....Respondent

Versus

**Public Information Officer** 

O/o Assistant Inspector General of Police, BOI, Punjab Police H.Q, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority** 

O/o Assistant Inspector General of Police, BOI, Punjab Police H.Q. Sector-9, Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No.1785 of 2021

(Cisco Webex Proceedings)

RTI application filed on : 19-08-2020

PIO replied on : -

First appeal filed on : 15-02-2021

First Appellate Authority order : -

Present: Appellant: Sh. Sunil Kumar Joshi

Respondent: Sh. Naresh Kumar (Sr. Asst.), 9592916925

Sh. Ram Parkash (Sr. Asst.), 9855464748

### **ORDER:**

- 1. This order may be read with reference of previous order dated 11.08.2021 heard by the bech of Ld. SIC Amrit Pratap Singh Sekhon.
- 2. From a perusal of the relevant case records, it is noted that the appellant is aggrieved with the fact that the desired information was not provided to him and further prayed to the Commission to direct the Respondent to supply the desired information as sought in the RTI application and to impose penalty upon the Respondents as also to grant compensation towards harassment caused to him.
- 3. The Commission observed that there is complete negligence and laxity in the public authority in dealing with the RTI application. It is abundantly clear that such matters are being ignored and set aside without application of mind which reflects disrespect towards the RTI Act, 2005 itself. The Commission expressed its displeasure on the casual and callous approach adopted by the respondent in responding to the RTI application. It was felt that the conduct of respondent was against the spirit of the RTI Act, 2005 which was enacted to ensure greater transparency and effective access to the information.

### **DECISION:**

- 4. Keeping in view the facts of the case and the submissions made by both the parties, the Commission while expressing its deep displeasure over the casual manner in dealing with the current RTI application, directs the, Assistant Inspector General of Police, BOI, Punjab Police H.Q, Sector-9, Chandigarh to appoint a responsible officer of an appropriate seniority to examine the RTI application and furnish a clear, cogent and precise reply to the Appellant as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005, within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.
- 5. Meanwhile, in view of the harassment and detriment caused to the appellant, Sh. Sunil Kumar Joshi, this Commission deems it appropriate to award a compensation of Rupees Two Thousand (Rs. 2000.00). This is to be paid by the Public Authority, in this instance, the PIO, within 15 days of receiving this order.
- 6. To come up on 10.01.2022 through personal hearing at 11:00 am.

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