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Shri Chanderdeep Maggu, Advocate, Chamber No.172, Block C, District Court Complex, Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer (DDPO), Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority O/o Addl.Deputy Commissioner (Dev.), Fazilka.

...Respondents

AC No.4430/2021

Present: Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Kanwaljit Singh, BDPO, Fazilka, PIO/Respondent- in person.

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 18.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Chanderdeep Maggu, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
- 3. Shri Kanwaljit Singh, Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Fazilka, comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.10.2022 by registered post, except the copies of MBs and Vouchers. He further states that the present J.E. has given in writing that the MBs as asked for by the appellant, which were held by the previous J.E. who has since expired, are not available in the official records with him. As regards copies of vouchers, the present Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Dhani Mohan Ram, Shri Surja Ram has brought to his notice that the voucher files have not been handed over to him by the previous Panchayat Secretary, Shri Balwinder Singh who is presently under suspension.
- 4. The appellant is contacted on mobile phone and he is apprised of the statement of Shri Kanwaljit Singh, BDPO, Fazilka as made before the Bench. Then he is apprised that in view of the statement of BDPO, the Bench has no option but to direct the PIO to file an affidavit in this regard.

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- In view of the above, the Bench directs the PIO, Shri Kanwaljit Singh, BDPO Fazilka to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, within 21 (Twenty one) days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records with the Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Dhani Mohna Ram, in AC No.4430 of 2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that the information relating to M.Bs. which were held by the previous Junior Engineer who has since expired, are not available with the present Junior Engineer who has also given in writing to this effect. It be further stated that the information relating to voucher files as sought by the appellant, have not been handed over to the present Panchayat Secretary, Shri Surja Ram by previous Panchayat Secretary, Shri Balwinder Singh who is presently under suspension. It be also 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. In view of the submissions made by the PIO O/o BDPO, Fazilka before the Bench, the show cause notice issued to the PIO on 19.01.2022 is dropped.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Gobind Singh S/o Shri Ajaib Singh, Near Govt. Primary School, Akarwas District Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO) Lehragaga, Distt. Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO) Lehragaga, Distt. Sangrur.

...Respondents

AC No.283/2022

<u>Present:</u> (i) Shri Gobind Singh, Appellant- cisco webex.

(ii) Shri Gurtej Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Arkwas, on behalf of the PIO/respondent- in person.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 18.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gobind Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
- 3. Shri Gurtej Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Arkwas, Block Lehragaga comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the information was provided to the appellant earlier and he has also brought along the entire record with him. He reiterates his version as made during previous hearings.
- 4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant still expresses dis-satisfaction over the information supplied to him. On the asking of the Bench, Shri Gurtej Singh reiterates that the grant is received for different development works such as streets, cremation ground, park etc. and not in respect of any specific street and specific site.

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- 5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO/Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Arkwas to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper, within 21 (twenty one) days, 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.283/2022 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 H.S. Hundal, Advocate #203, Judicial Court Complex, Sector-76, SAS Nagar(Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Deputy Chief Engineer, West Circle, PSPCL, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Chief Engineer,
Wast Circle PSPCI

West Circle, PSPCL, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3941 of 2022

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Rajesh Kumar, XEN, City West Circle PSPCL, Ludhiana

on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 18.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing..
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri H.S. Hundal, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
- 3. Shri Rajesh Kumar, XEN, City West Circle, PSPCL, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of PIO. He states that in compliance with the directions of Hon'ble Bench, the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 20.10.2022.
- 4. The Bench on perusal of case file, observes that Shri H.S. Hundal, appellant has sent an e.mail dated 20.11.2022 whereby he has confirmed the receipt of information and has given 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 order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Surinderpal Singh S/o Late Shri Babu Singh R/o #4780, Shivaji Nagar, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner, Zone-B, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.3917 of 2022

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant, Municipal Services Cell, O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Chandigarh, on behalf of PIO/Respondent- in person.

(iii) Shri Satinder Sharma, Draftsman, Drawing Branch, Zone-B, M.C., Ludhiana-In person.

Versus

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 18.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing..
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Surinderpal Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex.
- 3. Shri Vikas Kumar, Senior Assistant, Municipal Services Cell, O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the RTI application was transferred to PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana vide letter dated 20.05.2022.
- 4. Shri Satinder Sharma, Draftsman, Drawing Branch, Zone-B Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 17.11.2022 and that letter dated 05.07.2022 was also received from him after giving information by hand. He further states that the official mentioned in the complaint of one Shri Kuldip Singh Khaira against Building Inspector Shri Kuljit Singh Mangat has been issued charge sheet. The information, however, cannot be supplied to the appellant under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act, 2005.

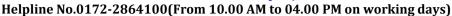
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- 4. Since the appellant is absent for today's hearing, repeated efforts are made to contact him on his given mobile phone. In spite of repeated efforts, the Bench is unable to contact him. The Bench also observes that the orders sent to the appellant on his given residential address are also received back undelivered.
- 5. In view of the position explained, the Bench is not inclined to proceed further in the matter and is of the view that reply has been given by the PIO suitably.
- 6. In view of the above, the Bench does not feel need for any further intervention 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 Dilawar Singh S/o Shri Gurdev Singh R/o Vill. Khurda, PO Channiyani Khurd, Tehsil Balachaur, Distt, Nawanshahar,

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Puniab Pollution Control Board. Ropar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

....Respondents

AC No.3915 of 2022

Present: Shri Dilawar Singh, Appellant-in person. (i)

> (ii) Shri Gulshan Kumar, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Puniab Pollution Control Board, Ropar, on behalf of PIO/Respondent

Versus

ORDER:

- This order may be read with reference to the order dated 18.10.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing..
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Dilawar Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has not been provided any information.
- Shr Gulshan Kumar, Assistant Environmental Engineer PIO O/o Punjab Pollution Control 3. Board, Ropar comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has brought along the written submissions of PIO to the RTI application. He hands over a copy of the same to the appellant in the court itself and also produces a copy before the Bench. He also states that he had visited the site mentioned in the RTI applicant and found that there is Broiler Breeding Farm in place of poultry farm and the owner of the said could also not be met there.
- The Bench directs the appellant and the respondent to sit together in the adjacent court room and the respondent is directed to explain to the appellant the details of information supplied. Post meeting, both the appellant and respondent report back. Though the appellant admits receipt of requisite information, he, however, alleges massive corruption in the PPCB office, Ropar, especially by the PIO.
- The Bench is convinced that requisite information stands supplied to the appellant and looking at the allegations of corruption made by the appellant, directs him to take up the matter at an appropriate level i.e. Vigilance Department etc.
- With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies 6. of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bolapur Jhabewal Post Office Ramgarh, District Ludhiana-141123.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Administrator, Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Administrator, Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA), Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.4658/2022

Present: (i) Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant- cisco webex.

(ii) Shri Gurwinder Singh, AEO/PIO, O/o GMADA, Mohali- in person.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 18.07.2022 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 18.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 21.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that no information has been received by him yet.
- 3. Shri Gurwinder Singh, AEO/PIO, O/o GMADA, Mohali attend the hearing and states that reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 21.09.2022 and 29.09.2022 and also to Hon'ble Commission by e.mail.
- 4. The Bench observes that the information has been denied to the appellant by PIO, GMADA being not specific and in question form. The Bench apprises the appellant of the reply of GMADA, Mohali and clarifies to him that the reply as given by PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana will be applicable in this appeal case also.

- 5. The Bench does not agree with the reply of PIO, GMADA and directs to apprise the appellant of the Government Policy in respect of issuance of NOC as also of Para 17.1 of Govt. Policy dated 18.10.2018 which provides for the documents required for applying for NOC.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jasbir Singh, Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bolapur Jhabewal Post Office Ramgarh, District Ludhiana-141123.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

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

...Respondents

AC No.4659/2021

Present: (i) Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant- cisco webex.

(ii) Shri Narinder Singh, Clerk O/o GMADA, Ludhiana, Respondent-

Cisco Webex.

ORDER:

- 1. The RTI application is dated 18.07.2022 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 18.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 04.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 21.11.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that no information has been received by him yet.
- 3. Shri Narinder Singh, Clerk O/o GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that the information sought by the appellant is not a matter relating to GLADA and in fact, it is the policy of the State Government, which is available on the website of the State Government and can be accessed by the appellant accordingly.
- 4. The Bench apprises the appellant of the statement made by the representative of PIO. The Bench also apprises him of the e.mail dated 21.11.2022 received from the PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana and the Bench also directs the PIO to send a copy of letter dated 21.11.2022 by e.mail along with the details of website and Link to access the information.
- 5. With the aforesaid directions, the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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