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Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur  
W/o Shri Ajaipal Singh,  
Village and PO Guntala,  
Near Govt. Dispensary,  
Amritsar..

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Executive Engineer,  
Punjab State Power Corporation  
Limited (PSPCL), Division Beas,  
District Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Executive Engineer,  
Punjab State Power Corporation  
Limited (PSPCL), Division Beas,  
District Amritsar.

...Respondents

**AC No.69/2022**

**Present:** (i) Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur, Appellant.  
(ii) None on behalf of PIO.

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Cisco Webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 15.09.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 18.10.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.03.2022 through cisco webex. Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. She states that she has been supplied incomplete and unattested information vide letter dated 22.12.2021 and she has also pointed out deficiencies vide letter dated 29.12.2021, which have not been addressed so far by the PIO.
3. Neither the PIO O/o XEN, Division Beas, PSPCL, District Amritsar 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. The attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o O/o XEN, Division Beas, PSPCL, District Amritsar is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not

be imposed in the instant case for failing to appear for the hearing and for not supplying complete information to the appellant. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by her in getting the information.

5. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

6. The PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant after removing the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant, before the next hearing and ensure to come present in person before the Bench, bringing along the entire relevant record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.06.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
22.03.2022**

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Shri Sandeep Kumar Maluja,  
S/o Shri Om Parkash,  
Street No.2, Near Shani Dev Mandir,  
Patel Nagar, Malout,  
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Respondents

**AC No.5742 of 2021**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Bhupinder Singh, Superintendent O/o D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib on behalf of the PIO.
- (iii) Shri Rakesh, BDPO, Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib in person.

**ORDER:**

**(Heard in person/through cisco webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 22.05.2021 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 21.07.2021 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.03.2022 through cisco webex. Shri Sandeep Kumar Maluja, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Bhupinder Singh, Superintendent O/o D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO through cisco webex and states that as the information relates to BDPO Lambi, the RTI application was transferred to ADC (Dev.), Sri Muktsar Sahib who has further sent to BDPO Lambi for supply of information to the appellant.
4. Shri Rakesh, BDPO, Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing. He states that the RTI application relates to the period 01.01.2017 to 19.05.2021 and he had joined in 2020 as BDPO and RTI application was filed in 2018 and he requests for additional time to enable him to provide information to the appellant.

5. The Bench is concerned on the statement of BDPO Lambi as the information is to be supplied to the appellant as per provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and the tenure of respondent has no bearing on provision of information to the appellant. However, the Bench acceding to the request of the BDPO, Lambi gives him another date and directs to supply information to the appellant before the next hearing and ensure to come present in person before the Bench. The appellant is also advised to come present in person on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Respondents

**AC No.5738 of 2021**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant-absent.**  
(ii) **Shri Bhupinder Singh, Superintendent O/o D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib,  
on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 22.05.2021 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 21.07.2021 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.03.2022 through cisco webex. Shri Sandeep Kumar Maluja, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Bhupinder Singh, Superintendent O/o D.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO through cisco webex and states that partial information i.e. on point No.1 has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 12.08.2021 and the matter regarding the information sought in point No.2, is being enquired into and the same will be supplied to the appellant within a week's time.
4. After hearing the version of representative of PIO, the Bench directs the PIO to ensure that the remaining information is supplied to the appellant before the next hearing. He is also directed to ensure to come present in person before the Bench.

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5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

O/o Regional Deputy Director,  
Local Govt., Bathinda.

....Respondents

**AC No.5735 of 2021**

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

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 22.05.2021 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 21.07.2021 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.03.2022 through cisco webex. Shri Sandeep Kumar Maluja, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sri Muktsar Sahib has come present in person before the Bench or through cisco webex to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter and as such, deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The Bench, however, directs the PIO to supply information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Niranjn Singh  
S/o Late Shri Kartar Singh,  
R/o Village Dhaipai,  
Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana.  
Presently R/o H.No.123,  
Street No.5, Bhai Bala Ji Nagri,  
Village Pratap Singh Wala, Tehsil and Distt:Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Sub Divisional Officer,  
Punjab State Power Corporation  
Limited (PSPCL), Narangwal,  
District Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Sub Divisional Officer,  
Punjab State Power Corporation  
Limited (PSPCL), Narangwal,  
District Ludhiana.

...Respondents

**AC No.31/2022**

**Present:**

- (i) **Shri Niranjn Singh, Appellant, in person.**
- (ii) **Shri Balwinder Singh, Assistant Executive Engineer, PSPCL, Narangwal, District Ludhiana, on behalf of PIO.**

**ORDER:**

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

1. The RTI application is dated 09.06.2021 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 16.07.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.03.2022 through cisco webex. Shri Niranjn Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that Electricity Meter Account No.GL160207W was allotted in his name which has been disconnected and he has sought copy of the documents on the basis of which the same has been disconnected. However, the same have not been provided to him so far.
3. Shri Balwinder Singh, Assistant Executive Engineer, Sub Division, PSPCL, Narangwal, District Ludhiana, comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO through cisco webex. He is apprised of the version of appellant. He states that the related record has not been traced out and efforts are being made to trace out the same. He states that after tracing out the relevant record, the information will be supplied to the appellant.



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**AC No.31/2022**

4. The Bench directs the PIO to bring along the entire relevant record as also the copy of information supplied to the appellant and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing. The appellant is advised to come present in person to attend the hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.06.2022 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 Kanchanjit Singh Baath  
S/o Shri Swarnjit Singh,  
R/o House No.1020,  
Sector-36C, Chandigarh.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Addl. Superintending Engineer,  
M.E. Division,  
Punjab State Power Corporation  
Limited (PSPCL), Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o Chief Engineer, Metering,  
Punjab State Power Corporation  
Limited (PSPCL), Amritsar.

...Respondents

**AC No.02/2022**

**Present:**

- (i) **Shri Kanchanjit Singh, Appellant.**
- (ii) **Shri Gagandeep Singh, Addl.SE, M.E. Division, PSPCL, Amritsar  
on behalf of PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Cisco Webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 09.06.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) had passed order on 17.09.2021 to treat the Remand Order dated 27.07.2021 in CC No.202/2021 holding the information sought by the complainant (now appellant) to be third party information, against which the second appeal has been filed in the Commission on 14.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.03.2022 through cisco webex. Shri Kanchanjit Singh Baath, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has sought information in respect of one Shri Ashwani Kumar working in M.E. Division, PSPCL Amritsar as he requires the same on behalf of his client Shri Pardeep Singh as he is affected by the promotions given to the said Ashwani Kumar.
3. Shri Gagandeep Singh, Addl.SE, M.E. Division, PSPCL, Amritsar comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO through cisco webex. He states that the information sought by the appellant is third party and personal information. Consent was sought from the official concerned (Shri Ashwani Kumar) to share information about him, he has denied his consent for the same.



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**AC No.02/2022**

4. The Bench, on the perusal of the RTI application, apprises the appellant that the information sought by him neither serves any public interest nor it relates to any public activity and observes that the appellant has been denied information correctly. Upon this, the appellant makes a request to the Bench that he wants to make submissions before the Hon'ble Commission with regard to the justification of seeking the said information.

5. Acceding to the request of appellant, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.06.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Village Bolapur Jhabewal,  
PO Ramgarh,  
District Ludhiana-141123.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

Sub Divisional Magistrate,  
Malout, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

....Respondents

**AC No.5727 of 2021**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant- absent.**  
(ii) **Smt. Adarshpal Kaur, Supdt. O/o SDM Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib,**  
**on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 20.09.2021 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 21.10.2021 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.03.2022 through cisco webex. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Smt. Adarshpal Kaur, Superintendent O/o SDM Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO through cisco webex. She states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 06.10.2021 and further states that the first appeal of appellant has not been received in their office till date.
4. Since the appellant is absent for today's hearing, he is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he states that he has not received any information in this case.
5. The representative of PIO is apprised of the version of appellant as also of the filing of first appeal by the appellant on 21.10.2021.

6. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to supply information to the appellant again before the next hearing as also to establish contact with the appellant to enquire as to whether he wants to inspect the records. He is also directed to ensure to come present in person before the Bench, bringing along the entire relevant record. The appellant is also advised to come present in person.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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S/o Shri Mahavir Sihag  
R/o Village Taja Patti,  
Tehsil Abohar, Distt. Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Executive Engineer,  
Operational Division,  
Punjab State Power Corporation  
Limited (PSPCL), Abohar, Distt:Fazilka.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Chief Engineer,  
Punjab State Power Corporation  
Limited (PSPCL), Bathinda.

...Respondents

**AC No.5708/2021**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Nathu Ram Sihag, Appellant.**  
(ii) **Shri Suresh Kumar, XEN, PSPCL, Abohar, District Fazilka on behalf of PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Cisco Webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 22.07.2021 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 09.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Nathu Ram Sihag, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Suresh Kumar, XEN, Operational Division, PSPCL, Abohar, District Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 20.08.2021 by registered post.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has sought information with regard to the action taken on a complaint made by him. He further states that this information has been denied to him under Section 8(1)(h) and 8(1)(j) of RTI Act, 2005.
5. On enquiring from Shri Suresh Kumar, PIO, he states that enquiry into the complaint of appellant dated 07.07.2021 was conducted by Assistant Executive Engineer/Operation Division No.1, Abohar and the same has not been completed by the I.O. as yet.

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**AC No.5708/2021**

6. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to make available the entire information to the appellant as also to bring along the entire relevant record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing. The appellant is also advised to come present in person to attend the hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.06.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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S/o Shri Sarwan Singh,  
R/o #ES 314/2, Mohalla Abadpura,  
Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

**AC No.5424 of 2021**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Deepak Kumar, Appellant.**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 05.09.2021 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 03.10.2021 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.03.2022 through cisco webex. Shri Deepak Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has sought information regarding Nakal/Jamabandi/fird and nakshaaksh of land comprised in Khasra No.2590/2122 in Bhargav Camp, Jalandhar which has not been supplied to him as yet.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar has come present in person before the Bench or through cisco webex to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor he has supplied information to the appellant. This attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to appear for the hearing and for not supplying information to the appellant. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by her in getting the information.

5. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

6. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records and ensure to supply information as may be identified by the appellant before the next hearing and also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench, bringing along the entire relevant record. The appellant is also advised to come present in person.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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



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Shri Arvinder Singh,  
S/o Shri Kashmir Singh,  
R/o Village Nanhera,  
Tehsil Rajpura, Distt. Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Block Development and  
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),  
Shambhu at Rajpura,  
District Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o District Development and  
Panchayat Officer (DDPO),  
Patiala.

....Respondents

**AC No.5433 of 2021**

**Present:** (i) **Shri ArvinderSingh, Appellant.**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through cisco webex)**

1. The RTI application is dated 06.09.2021 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 14.10.2021 and the Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.03.2022 through cisco webex. Shri Arvinder Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been supplied to him as yet.
3. Neither the PIO O/o BDPO Shambu at Rajpura, District Patiala has come present in person before the Bench or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO nor he has supplied information to the appellant. This attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o BDPO Shambhu at Rajpura, District Patiala is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for failing to appear for the hearing and for not supplying information to the appellant. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by her in getting the information.

5. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

6. The PIO is directed to supply information to the appellant before the next hearing and ensure to come present in person before the Bench, bringing along the entire relevant record. The appellant is also advised to come present in person.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
22.03.2022**

**Sd/-  
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma, (Retd))  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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**Public Information Officer, O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO),  
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