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Shri Sadhu Singh,
S/o Shri Sajjan Singh,
R/o Village Rurka, PO Dehlon,
District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Addl. Superintending Engineer,
Power State Power Corporation Ltd.(PSPCL),
Urban Division, Lalton Kalan,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Addl. Superintending Engineer,
Power State Power Corporation Ltd.(PSPCL),
Urban Division, Lalton Kalan,
District Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.524 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Sadhu Singh, Appellant in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 18.08.2020 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 18.11.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.01.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.05.2021 by the Commission before the Bench at Chandigarh, but the same was postponed to 22.06.2021 due to prevailing situation on account of COVID-19 for hearing through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex.

3. The appellant, Shri Sadhu Singh comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has sought information regarding the action taken on his letter dated 15.11.2019 sent by registered post, but the same has not been supplied to him so far.

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4. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. Moreover, no information has been supplied to the appellant in spite of lapse of about 10 months. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

5. The PIO O/o Addl. Superintending Engineer, Power State Power Corporation Ltd.(PSPCL),Urban Division, Lalton Kalan, District Ludhiana, is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him for not supplying the information to the appellant and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for non-compliance of the directions of Commission. 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 him in getting the information.

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a 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.

7. The PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant duly attested by the PIO before the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 13.09.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
22.06.2021**

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

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Assistant Executive Engineer,
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Sub Division, Sareeh (Alamgir),
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Assistant Executive Engineer,
Power State Power Corporation Ltd.(PSPCL),
Sub Division, Sareeh (Alamgir),
District Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.551 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Sadhu Singh, Appellant in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 18.08.2020 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 18.11.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.01.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.05.2021 by the Commission before the Bench at Chandigarh, but the same was postponed to 22.06.2021 due to prevailing situation on account of COVID-19 for hearing through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex.
3. The appellant, Shri Sadhu Singh comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has sought information regarding the shifting of a Transformer, as to under what power conferred to the PSPCL, this action has been taken for the shifting of this transformer, but no information has been supplied to him so far.

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4. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. Moreover, no information has been supplied to the appellant in spite of lapse of about 10 months. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

5. The PIO O/o Assistant Executive Engineer, Power State Power Corporation Ltd.(PSPCL),Sub Division, Sareeh (Alamgir), District Ludhiana, is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him for not supplying the information to the appellant and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for non-compliance of the directions of Commission. 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 him in getting the information.

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

7. The PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant duly attested by the PIO before the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 13.09.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
22.06.2021**

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Shri Harpal Singh,
S/o Shri Pritam Singh, Advocate
H.No.239, Sector-21A,
Chandigarh.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o District Town Planner,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Chief Town Planner,
Greater Mohali Area Development
Authority (GMADA),
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

....Respondents

AC No.617 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Harpal Singh, Appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 14.03.2020 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 22.01.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.01.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.05.2021 by the Commission before the Bench at Chandigarh, but the same was postponed to 22.06.2021 due to prevailing situation on account of COVID-19, for hearing through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex.
3. The appellant, Shri Harpal Singh comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
4. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. This indifferent attitude of the appellant is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO O/o District Town Planner, Mohali 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



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be imposed in the instant case for non-compliance of the directions of the Commission. 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 him in getting the information.

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

7. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that a letter dated 24.03.2021 is available in the case file stating that the information on Points No.1, 2 & 3 of RTI application is available on the website of the Department which can be accessed from the said website. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has not been able to access the information from the website given by the PIO. The Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office on any working day after tying up with him and make him aware of the necessary links to access the information from the website and also provide him a hard copy of the information sought.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 13.09.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
22.06.2021**

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

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O/o District Town Planner,
Mohali.**

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Shri Jasvinder Singh,
S/o Late Shri Ajmer Singh,
H.No.224, Sector-94,
Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Sub Divisional Engineer(1),
Building Branch
O/o Estate Officer, GMADA,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority
O/o Estate Officer, GMADA,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

....Respondents

AC No.618 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Jasvinder Singh, Appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 17.09.2020 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 17.11.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.01.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.05.2021 by the Commission before the Bench at Chandigarh, but the same was postponed to 22.06.2021 due to prevailing situation on account of COVID-19 for hearing through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex.
3. The appellant, Shri Jasvinder Singh comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that no information has been supplied to him.
4. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. This indifferent attitude of the appellant is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO O/o Sub Divisional Officer (1), Building Branch O/o Estate Officer, GMADA, Mohali is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken



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against him for not supplying the information and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for non-compliance of the directions of the Commission. 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 him in getting the information.

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

7. The Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office on any working day after tying up with him and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, on perusing the records, will identify the information required by him and the same will be provided by the PIO before the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 13.09.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
22.06.2021**

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

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Shri Ashwani Kumar Prasher,
#809, Green Valley Tower,
Block-B, Old Ambala Road,
Zirakpur, District Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o POWERCOM
Nawanshahar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Engineer,
POWERCOM,
North Zone, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No.620 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Ashwani Kumar, Appellant**
(ii) **Shri Nirmal Singh, Assistant Executive Engineer, POWRCOM,
Nawanshahar, PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 08.10.2020 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 09.12.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.01.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 03.05.2021 by the Commission before the Bench at Chandigarh, but the same was postponed to 22.06.2021 due to prevailing situation on account of COVID-19 for hearing through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex.
3. The appellant, Shri Ashwani Kumar comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that information has not been supplied to him correctly.
4. Shri Nirmal Singh, Assistant Executive Engineer, POWERCOM, Nawanshahar comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the appellant has sought information regarding the release of Agricultural Power Connection on priority under Freedom Fighter quota and further states that death certificate of the sister of appellant has been received by them on 17.06.2021 and the requisite power connection has been released on 18.06.2021.

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5. The appellant is apprised of the version of PIO. He states that the information sought by him regarding the demand of NOC of the children of a Freedom Fighter and the related instructions has not been supplied and the action regarding release of power connection has been delayed considerably. He also levels the charge of corruption against the previous SDO of POWERCOM, Nawanshahar.

6. The Bench directs the PIO to provide complete information to the appellant as asked for by him in his RTI application before the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 13.09.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
22.06.2021**

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Smt. Paramjit Kaur,
R/o Ward No.24,Amal Street,
Malerkotla Road, Khanna,
District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Nagar Council,
Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Govt. Department,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1136 of 2020

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

ORDER: (Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing as the hearing dated 03.05.2021 was postponed.
2. The was scheduled to be heard today through Cisco Webex. Neither the appellant Smt. Paramjit Kaur has come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor the PIO or any of his representative has come present to attend the hearing.
3. On perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that neither any information has been supplied to the appellant nor the reply to the show cause notice has been filed and PIO has also not produced any evidence regarding the deposit of penalty imposed on the PIO.
4. The PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant as also to comply with the directions of the Bench given during previous hearings and to come present before the Bench on the next hearing.
5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. To come **up for hearing on 13.09.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
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R/o H.No.1998/A, Main Barota Road,
Mohalla Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,
New Shimlapuri, New Sai
Public School, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2232 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Ram Avtar, appellant in person before the Bench.**
(ii) **Dr.Surinderjit Singh, Medical Officer, O/o Medical Officer of Health, M.C. Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing as the hearing dated 03.05.2021 was postponed.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant Shri Ram Avtar comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing. He states that he has not received any information regarding his balance amount due from the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
3. Dr.Surinderjit Singh, Medical Officer, O/o Medical Officer of Health, M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that out of the medical bills of the appellant amounting to Rs.45,617/-, an amount of Rs.29,207/- was credited to his bank account. The amount remitted is based on the present Government rates.
4. On the asking of the Bench regarding the balance amount of the bills, he states that the amount of Rs.29,207/- has been reimbursed to the appellant as per Govt. Rules/ instructions and the current rates. He further states that the appellant had also expressed his satisfaction over the information given to him in this regard during the hearing of the First Appeal.

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5. The Bench, hearing the version of the representative of PIO, clarifies to the appellant that of Rs.29,207/- as was admissible to him under the Govt. Rule/instructions stands reimbursed to him on account of his medical bills and the remaining amount is not to be paid to him by the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and as such, his grievance stands redressed.

6. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of the PIO states that the amount of penalty has not been deposited as the appellant had expressed his satisfaction during the first appeal. He also states that the PIO has not received the orders of Commission as also the notice of hearing in the instant appeal case. Upon this, the Bench observes that their contention is not acceptable and the PIO is directed to file reply to the show cause notice as also to send evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty to the Commission, failing which further action as may be deemed fit will be taken by the Bench to ensure compliance of its directions. The representative of the PIO assures to do the needful.

7. In view of the above, the case is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 13.9.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The PIO must produce evidence for having deposited the penalty. The information, however, stands provided and the appellant is not to attend the hearing. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
22.06.2021**

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

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**PIO O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana (By name)**

- **To ensure that the directions of the Commission are fully complied with.**

