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Shri Jaswinder Singh,
S/o Shri Jagar Singh,
VPO Balahri Kalan,
Tehsil & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

. Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer, Khera,
District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4022 of 2021

Present:- (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **Shri Labh Singh, Panchayat Secretary and Shri Pushpinder Singh, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Balahri Kalan, District Fatehgarh Sahib, in person, on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard through in person/on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Jaswinder Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through CISCO Webex.
3. Shri Labh Singh, Panchayat Secretary, along with Shri Pushpinder Singh, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Balahri Kalan, comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO O/o BDPO, Block Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib. He states that the appellant has been handed over information on 15.03.2022 and further states that he has also brought along the entire relevant record for perusal of the appellant and the Bench.
4. Shri Jaswinder Singh, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the Panchayat Secretary Shri Labh Singh has provided him incomplete information and that the Panchayat Secretary and Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat are denying him information. He is also made to talk to the Panchayat Secretary, Shri Labh Singh, who explains to him the details of information supplied. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant expresses his dis-satisfaction over the information supplied to him.

5. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to supply complete point-wise information to the appellant. again, with a copy to the Commission, bringing along the entire relevant record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing. The appellant is apprised that he has been absent for two hearings. He is advised to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing, failing which, the appeal case may be decided on the basis of documents available in the case file.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter 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.

**Chandigarh
22.06.2022**

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

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Shri Balwant Singh,
S/o Shri Narain Singh,
R/o VPO Karni Khera,
Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka.

..... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.),
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Fazilka.

..... Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4113 of 2021

Present:- (i) **Shri Balwant Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **None present on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Balwant Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through CISCO Webex. He states that he has not been provided any information by the PIO so far.
3. The PIO, O/o ADC (Development), Fazilka has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through CISCO Webex nor he has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO has failed to attend the hearing for the third consecutive time . The PIO was issued show cause notice to explain his absent but he has not filed any reply to the show cause notice nor he has sent any information to the appellant. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
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 Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Fazilka, to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the

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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.

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S/o Shri Teja Singh,
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Near Radha Swami Satsang Ghar,
Sher Shah Suri Road, Bye Pass, Attari,
Chehratta, Distt. Amritsar.

..... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Asst. XEN (West),
Technical Sub Division, PSPCL,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Operational PSPCL, Amritsar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4103 of 2021

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

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Gurbachan Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through CISCO Webex.
3. The PIO, O/o Assistant Executive Engineer (West), Technical Sub Division, PSPCL, Amritsar who had attended the hearing on 28.12.2021, has also not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through CISCO Webex nor any other official has been deputed to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that the appellant had pointed out certain observations vide his letter dated 07.06.2022 addressed to the Commission, but the same have not been pointed out to the PIO. The appellant is advised to send copy of the same to the PIO also.
5. The PIO is directed to reply to the observations made by the appellant vide his letter dated 07.06.2022 and supply complete information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next hearing.

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5. In the absence of the appellant and the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter and deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next hearing and ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing. The appellant is also requested to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter 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. A copy of the letter dated 07.06.2022 along with the order.

**Chandigarh
22.06.2022**

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

Encl:Letter dated 07.06.2022

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Shri Makhan Singh,
S/o Shri Jagir Singh,
Village Bika, SBS Nagar.

..... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Engineer, PSPCL,
Banga, District Nawanshahar.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Engineer, Zonal,
PSPCL, Jalandhar.

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4075 of 2021

Present:- (i) **Shri Makhan Singh, Appellant, in person**
(ii) **Shri Ramesh Kailay, SDO and Shri Kanwaldeep Singh, Revenue Accountant, Sub Division, PSPCL, Mukandpur on behalf of the PIO, in person.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Makhan Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has not been supplied any information so far.
3. Shri Ramesh Kailay, SDO and Shri Kamaldeep Singh, Revenue Accountant, Sub Division, PSPCL, Mukandpur come present in person to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of the PIO. The representative of PIO states that the appellant has been given reply vide letter dated 28.04.2021 and 25.04.2022 vide registered letter.
4. On the asking of the Bench, though the appellant admits receipt of information but he states that he has been virtually denied information as it has been stated that the information sought is not specific or it does not come under the purview of RTI Act and he is not satisfied with the reply of PIO.
5. Post deliberations, the Bench observes that the information sought by the appellant is his grievance rather the information sought. The Bench is also not convinced with the version of the representative of the PIO and directs the PIO to send point-wise reply/information to the appellant by registered post before the next hearing.

6. The PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice 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 20.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
22.06.2022**

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Smt Renu Sood,
1118, Sector 43-B,
Chandigarh.

..... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan, Phase-8,
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Public Information Officer

O/o District Education Officer(Sec.Edu.)
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority,

O/o DPI (SE), Punjab,
Vidya Bhawan, Phase-8,
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

.....Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4079 of 2021

Present:- (i) Smt. Renu Sood, Appellant present in person.
(ii) Shri Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, Establishment-4 Branch, O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali, on behalf of the PIO, in person.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Smt. Renu Sood, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. She states that after the previous order of Hon'ble Bench, no information has been received by her.
3. Shri Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, Establishment-4 Branch, O/o DPI (SE), Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that in compliance with the order of Hon'ble Bench dated 15.03.2022, letter dated 25.03.2022 was sent to the District Education Officer (SE), Mohali to send annexures which were part of enquiry report submitted by him, but no reply has been received from him so far. He also produces a copy of the same before the Bench which is taken on record.

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4. In view of the version of the representative of PIO, the District Education Officer (Sec. Edu.), Mohali is impleaded as Respondent No.2. He is directed to supply copies of the annexures as sought by the appellant as the same were annexures to the enquiry report submitted by him, before the next date of hearing as also to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.07.2022 at 11:30 am before the Bench in the Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the Order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
22.06.2022**

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

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**Public Information Officer O/o District Education Officer(Sec.Edu.)
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).**

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Shri Harjinder Singh Brar,
#3132, Sector-27D,
Chandigarh-160019.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Dy.Chief Engineer, HRD,
Punjab State Power Corporation
Limited (PSCPL), Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Chief Engineer, HRD,
Punjab State Power Corporation
Limited (PSCPL), Patiala.

....Respondents

AC No.125 of 2022

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

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Harjinder Singh Brar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing. Shri Raj Pal Singla comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of appellant and produces before the Bench authority letter to this effect. He states that appellant has been supplied information on points (b) & (c) but no information on point (a) and (d) of RTI application has been supplied after the order of previous hearing i.e. 15.03.2022.
3. The Bench observes that Shri Harmanjit Singh, Superintendent, Gazetted-5 Branch, HRD, PSPCL, Patiala, had come present to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO on the previous hearing and had stated that information on points (b) & (c) has been supplied and regarding information on points (a) & (d), information will be provided within three working days. However, nothing has been heard from the PIO in this regard and the PIO has also not attended the hearing today.
4. The PIO O/o Deputy Chief Engineer/HRD, PSPCL, 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 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 him in getting the information.



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AC No.125/2022

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 the remaining information to the appellant and bring along the copy of information supplied as also the relevant record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, **the matter 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.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh
22.06.2022**

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

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Shri Bichh Bhan
S/o Shri Saroop Chand
R/o H.No.33, Kahangarh Road,
Patran, District Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Patran, District Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer (BDPO),
Patran, District Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.5374/2021

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

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Bichh Bhan, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. The PIO O/o BDPO, Patran, District Patiala has also not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO.
4. In the absence of appellant and the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further 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 date of hearing.
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.

**Chandigarh
22.06.2022**

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Shri Milan,
R/o Milan Niwas,
New Dana Mandi,
Salem Tabri, Ludhiana
Pin-141008.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Police Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Police Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.5642 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) HC Hardev Singh, Police Station, Salem Tabri, Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO,
in person.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Milan, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex. However, an e.mail has been received from him on 14.06.2022 stating that due to some medical problem, he is unable to attend the hearing and further stating that he is not satisfied with the information supplied.
3. Head Constable Hardev Singh, Police Station, Salem Tabri, Ludhiana comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO O/o Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. He states that to provide information to the appellant, he was called to Police Station, Salem Tabri on 23.03.2022 but in spite of calling him repeatedly, he did not turn up and as such, the point-wise information was sent to the appellant by registered post on 21.06.2022.
4. The appellant Shri Milan is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he is not satisfied with the reply received from the Police Station, Salem Tabri, Ludhiana.
5. Post deliberations with the appellant and the representative of PIO, the Bench directs the PIO to again call the appellant to Police Station, Salem Tabri, Ludhiana and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant after perusing the records will identify the information required by him. The PIO is directed to supply information to the appellant as may be identified by the appellant, before the next hearing.

6. The PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice and ensure to come present in person before the Bench, bringing along the copy of information supplied and the relevant record. The appellant is also advised to come present in person before the Bench on the next 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 orders be sent to the concerned parties.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh
22.06.2022**

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

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Shri Manjeet Singh Maan,
Village Daba, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.5503 of 2021

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

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Manjeet Singh Maan, appellant comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing. He reiterates his version as made during the previous hearing and states that no information has been provided to him so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Assistant Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana or anyone on his behalf has come present in person before the Bench or through cisco webex to attend the hearing nor he has supplied information to the appellant.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO was absent during the previous hearing also. He has neither filed reply to the show cause notice nor has supplied any information to the appellant. The PIO is given another opportunity and 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.
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 orders be sent to the concerned parties.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh
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Mobile No.8699723393.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Tehsildar,
Gidderbaha,
Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

...Respondents

AC No.1946/2022

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Kulwinderpal Singh, Kanungo & Shri Rajinder Kumar, Patwari,
O/o Naib Tehsildar, Doda, Tehsil Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib,
on behalf of PIO/Respondent, in person.

ORDER:

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 12.11.2021 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 13.12.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.06.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Randeep, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Kulwinderpal Singh, Kanungo and Shri Rajinder Kumar, Patwari O/o Naib Tehsildar, Doda, Tehsil Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and state that the information has been sought by the appellant in respect of Khewat No.585, Khatauni No.643, Khasra No.113-9-8 10-8 11 7-3 12-8-18/2-114/6-1-8 total area 43-1 Marla in Village Doda for 75 years from 1965-66 in the name of Shri Nand Lal. The representative of PIO states that the record relates to Murabbabandi 1965-66 and the record has also been brought along. He further states that the copies can be obtained by the appellant

by depositing the prescribed fee as per Punjab Land Records Manual. As regard the record prior to 1965-66, the same is in Urdu Language and the appellant can visit their office by bringing along a person well versed with the Urdu language. He also produces before the Bench letter dated 15.06.2022 explaining the entire position in this regard, which is taken on record.

4. The appellant is contacted on mobile phone and is made to talk to Shri Rajinder Kumar, Patwari who explains to him the details of information sought and its availability. The Bench apprises the appellant of the version of the representative of PIO and advises him to take the help of a Urdu knowing person to peruse the record in Urdu and identify the information he requires.

5. The Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office, as discussed during the hearing and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspection of the records, will identify the information as per his RTI application. The PIO is directed to supply information to the appellant as may be identified by him, before the next hearing as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. 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 orders be sent to the concerned parties. A copy of the letter dated 15.06.2022 be sent along with the order.

**Chandigarh
22.06.2022**

Sd/-
**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma, (Retd))
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.....Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondents

AC No.1953/2022

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

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 29.08.2021 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 28.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.06.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Prabhjot Singh Gill, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has sought information regarding all public/civil/government servants deputed, serving at the district level at Sri Muktsar Sahib. He further states that the PIO concerned has not responded to RTI application sent on line and is rather misleading the Bench and is not functioning as per provisions under the RTI Act.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Deputy Commissioner, District Sri Muktsar Sahib has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex. The Bench observes from the letter dated 31.05.2022 received from the office of D.C. Fazilka that there has been typographical error in the address of PIO and the same could not reach the PIO O/o D.C. Sri Muktsar, and instead was delivered to O/o D.C. Fazilka.

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5. The Bench directs the PIO to supply information to the appellant as per the RTI application of the appellant point-wise, a copy of which is being sent along with this order, before the next hearing as also to 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.

6. The appellant has submitted his RTI application on-line and the concerned respondent has not even taken cognizance of it. The PIO must get used to functioning on-line as most of the platforms are now digitized.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 18.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
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...Respondents

AC No.1954/2022

Present: (i) **Shri Prabhjot Singh Gill, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Amanpal Singh, D.R.O. O/o D.C. Fazilka, on behalf of PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 30.08.2021 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 28.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 13.12.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.06.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Prabhjot Singh Gill, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has sought information regarding all public/civil/government servants deputed, serving at the district level at Fazilka. He further states that the PIO concerned has not responded to RTI application sent on line and is rather misleading and is not functioning as per provisions under RTI Act.

3. Shri Amanpal Singh, D.R.O. O/o Deputy Commissioner, District Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that to take action as per RTI application of the appellant, some additional time be granted so that requisite information can be supplied to him. The Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the related records and supply information as may be required by the appellant, before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to get in touch with the appellant.

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5. The Bench also advises the appellant to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. The appellant has submitted his RTI application on-line and the concerned respondent has not even taken cognizance of it. The PIO must get used to functioning on-line as most of the platforms are now digitized.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 18.07.2022 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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