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Shri Manjit Singh
S/o Shri Gurcharan Singh
Village Manemajra,
Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib
District Ropar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport
Authority, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

AC No.1758/2020

Present: (i) **Shri Manjit Singh, Appellant in person before the Bench.**
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.07.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Chandigarh before the Bench. Shri Manjit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person, before the Bench.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing .
4. During the previous hearing, Shri Gurbax Singh, Draftsman O/o S.T.C. Punjab had come present through Cisco Webex and stated that reply to points No.1,6,7 & 8 had been given and that reply to points No.2,3,4 & 5 is to be given by the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana.
5. The Bench observes that neither the PIO O/o RTA, Ludhiana has come present nor has supplied the requisite information to the appellant. This shows the kind of respect the PIO has towards the Commission as also the RTI Act. The Bench views such type of attitude on the part of PIO adversely.
6. The PIO O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana 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 not supplying information to the appellant and not complying with the directions of the Bench. 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.

7. In addition to the written reply, PIO O/o Regional Transport Authority Ludhiana 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.

8. The PIO is further directed to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next hearing as also to ensure to come present before the Bench on the next hearing.

9. In view of the aforesaid observations, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 14.12.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties. .

**Chandigarh
22.09.2021**

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

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport
Authority, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport
Authority, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.1760/2020

Present: (i) **Shri Manjit Singh, Appellant in person before the Bench.**
(ii) None is present on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.07.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Chandigarh before the Bench. Shri Manjit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person, before the Bench.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. During the previous hearing, reply to points No.1,6,7 & 8 had been given to the appellant in another AC No. 1758/2020 and that reply to points No.2,3,4 & 5 is to be given by the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana. The Bench observes that neither the PIO O/o RTA, Ludhiana has come present nor has supplied the requisite information to the appellant. This shows the kind of respect the PIO has towards the Commission as also the RTI Act. The Bench views such type of attitude on the part of PIO adversely.
6. The PIO O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana 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 not supplying information to the appellant and not complying with the directions of the Bench. 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.

7. In addition to the written reply, PIO O/o Regional Transport Authority Ludhiana 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.

8. The PIO is further directed to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next hearing as also to ensure to come present before the Bench on the next hearing.

9. In view of the aforesaid observations, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 14.12.2021 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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Shri Prem Kumar Rattan,
H.No.78/8, Park Road,
Navi Mandi, Dhuri,
District Sangrur

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Khanna,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

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

...Respondents

AC No.1592/2020

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

ORDER:

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.07.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that inspite of the directions of the Bench during the last hearing, complete/rectified information has still not been given to him by the respondent.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on his behalf.
4. The Bench observes that neither the rectified information to the appellant has been supplied nor the PIO has produced any evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty imposed. The Bench views such type of attitude on the part of PIO adversely.
5. Another opportunity is given to the PIO to remove the discrepancies as pointed out by the appellant vide letter dated 15.03.2021 and supply the rectified information to him as also to deposit the amount of penalty which has already been imposed upon the PIO vide order dated 01.02.2021. The PIO must also produce the evidence for having deposited the penalty on the next hearing. He is also directed to come present before the Bench along with the relevant records and produce before the Bench.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.12.2021 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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22.09.2021**

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Shri Brijinder Kumar, IPS(Retd.)
H.No.593, IAS/IPC Society,
Sector-49A, Chandigarh.

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Chief Town Planner,
S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondent

CC No.36/2021

Present: (I) **Shri Brijinder Kumar, complainant in person**
(ii) **None from the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.07.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. Shri Brijinder Kumar, complainant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has not been supplied any information so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Chief Town Planner, GMADA, Mohali has come present nor he has deputed any of the representatives to attend the hearing.
4. After perusing the case file and consulting the Deputy Registrar O/o PSIC, it appears that the address of the PIO is incorrect. Thus the notice of hearing as also the orders of the Bench dated 12.04.2021 & 07.07.2021 have been despatched on wrong address i.e. PIO O/o Chief Town Planner, GMADA, PUDA Bhawan, Mohali. Thus, there has been no response from the respondent.
5. The PIO O/o Chief Town Planner, Mohali, Punjab is directed to call the complainant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The information identified by the appellant after inspection of records will be provided by the PIO before the next hearing. He is also directed to appear personally on the next hearing along with the original records.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 30.11.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
22.09.2021**

**Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**