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Shri Bawa Bhulinder Singh, S/o Shri Dalip Singh, R/o Abadi Mata Ganga Ji Nagar, Gurdwara Bhai Manj Sahib, Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.(PSPCL), Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.(PSPCL), Amritsar.

...Respondents

AC No.3765 of 2021

- Present: (i) Shri Bawa Bhulinder Singh, Appellant.
 - (ii) Shri Amarjit Singh, Assistant Engineer, Sub Division, Ghee Mandi, PSPCL, Amritsar on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

- This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.11.2021 passed by this
 Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Bawa Bhulinder Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
- 3. Shri Amarjit Singh, Assistant Engineer, Sub Division, Ghee Mandi, PSPCL, Amritsar also attends the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant on 22.08.2021 by registered post.
- 4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies receipt of information and states that he had received letter dated 20.05.2021 on 25.05.2021 and the information contained in that letter does not relate to his RTI application dated 24.02.2021. He points out that he had asked for information about JD

Grand Hotel, Amritsar whereas the information supplied relates to JD Grand Sikh Rumala Centre owned by the same owner and expresses his dis-satisfaction over the information supplied.

5. The Bench clarifies to the respondent that the appellant needs information related to JD Grand Hotel, Amritsar and not JD Grand Sikh Rumala Centre owned by the same owner. The information related to JD Grand Rumala Centre was earlier and the case stands disposed off after provision of information.

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- 6. In view of the above, the Bench directs the PIO to check up at his level and sort out the matter by calling the appellant to his office and allowing him access to the relevant official records. He is directed to provide information to the appellant as may be identified by him after inspection of the records, before the next hearing.
- 7. After supplying information to the appellant, the PIO is directed to file a fresh affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper 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.3765 of 2021 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 Bench for record, before the next hearing.
- 8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 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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Shri Gobind Singh S/o Sh.Nand Singh, R/o Village Bhaini Noorpur Dakhli Jhotian Wali, PO Nukeriana, Via Mandi Amin Ganj(Roranwali) Tehsil & District Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Deputy Commissioner, Fazilka.

Public Information Officer

O/o Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, Ferozepur Division, Ferozepur.

...Respondents

AC No.3759/2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) None on behalf of behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gobind Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
- 3. Neither the PIO O/o Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Fazilka has come present nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. However, an e.mail dated 22.02.2022 has been received from Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Fazilka stating that the employee dealing with the subject is still on election duty and as such, has requested for adjournment of the hearing to another date.

4. The Bench observes that during the previous hearing, as per the position emerged from the version of the representative of PIO and the appellant, the PIO was directed to file an affidavit before next hearing. He has, however, failed to comply with the directions of the Bench.

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- 5. The PIO is again directed to file affidavit as per directions given on the previous hearing failing which penal consequences shall follow. He is also directed 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 18.05.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Rabbi Singh, S/o Shri Swaran Singh Kacha Dalip Pnaga Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Divisional Officer, Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL), Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Engineer-in-Chief/DS, Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., (PSPCL), Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.3732/2021

Present: (i) Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, on behalf of the appellant

(ii) Shri Ravi Chauhan, SDO Commercial and Shri Kashmir Singh, Addl.AO, Sub Division, PSPCL, Mandi Gobindgarh on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDERR

(Heard in person/through Cisco Webex)

- This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.11.2021 passed by this
 Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Rabbi Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. However, Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia attends the hearing on behalf of the appellant through cisco webex.
- 3. Shri Ravi Chauhan, SDO Commercial and Shri Kashmir Singh, Addl. Accounts Officer, Sub Division, PSPCL Mandi Gobindgarh come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of the PIO. The representatives of the PIO state that the information had been supplied to the appellant on 13.05.2021 which was acknowledged by daughter in law of appellant Smt.Sandeep

Kuar. Thereafter, the appellant had filed first appeal and the First Appellate Authority had called the appellant two/three times but the appellant had not come present to attend the hearing. As such, the first appeal was disposed off and closed on 02.12.2021.

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AC No.3732/2021

- 4. The representative of appellant Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia contends the version of the representative of PIO and states that the appellant being not satisfied with the information, had filed the first appeal. However, the appellant was not given intimation for the hearing in time due to which he could not attend the hearing. He further states that the appellant had also sent deficiencies to the PIO which have not been addressed.
- 5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant along with his representative Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia on 24.02.2022 i.e. tomorrow at 11.30 am and allow them access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspection of the records, will identify the information and the same will be supplied to the appellant before the next hearing. The representatives of the PIO assure to do the needful
- 5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Jagjit Singh(RTI Activist), R/o Aman Nagar, Street No.3 B/side Green Land School, Near Jalandhar By-pass, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Grater Ludhiana Area Development Authority (GLADA),Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Grater Ludhiana Area Development Authority(GLADA), Ludhiana

....Respondents

AC No.3693 of 2021

Present: (i) Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant.

(ii) None on behalf of O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, PIO/Respondent

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. The appellant Shri Jagjit Singh comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has not been provided information point wise as demanded by him.
- 3. Neither the PIO O/o GLADA Ludhiana has come present nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex. Shri Ashish Vachher, SDO/ PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana who had come present to attend the previous hearing, is contacted on mobile phone. He, however, states that he has been transferred from this seat and that he will give contact number of the officer concerned, but no intimation was received from him thereafter.
- 4. On perusal of the case file, the Bench apprises the appellant of the statement made by the respondent during the previous hearing that information sought is personal and third party information

and also apprises him of the notification dated 09.08.2021 issued by the Govt. of Punjab, Department of Governance Reforms and Public Grievances to the effect that such information is not to be shared or made

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public. The Bench also enquires from him the justification for seeking information en masse of the officers of Group A, B & C of the public authority. The Bench directs that copy of letter issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Governance Reforms & Public Grievances dated 09.08.2021 be enclosed with this order.

- 5. In view of this, the Bench givens an opportunity to the appellant to put forth his object in seeking the information during the next hearing.
- 6. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 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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Shri Jagjit Singh Bajaj, # 1716, Sector-61,Phase-7, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Grater Mohali Area Development
Authority (GMADA),
Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Grater Mohali Area Development
Authority(GMADA),
Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No.3656 of 2021

- Present: (i) Shri R.S. Bajaj, on behalf of Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant, in person.
 - (ii) Shri Gurvinder Singh, Assistant Estate Officer/PIO,GMADA, Mohali,

ORDER

(Heard in person/through cisco webex/on mobile phone)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. However, the appellant Shri Jagjit Singh Bajaj has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He has, however, deputed Shri R.S. Bajaj to attend hearing on his behalf who comes present to attend the hearing. He states that Shri Jagjit Singh Bajaj has gone abroad and has authorised him in this regard and produces before the Bench the authority letter. The representative of appellant states that no information has been provided to the appellant so far.
- 3. Shri Gurvinder Singh, PIO had given telephonic message to join the hearing but he is not available on cisco webex. As such, he is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant on 22.02.2022.

4. The Bench observes that the appellant has not received the information and directs the PIO to send another copy of the information to the appellant and also ensure to come present before the Branch along with the copy of information supplied as also the relevant official record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing.

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AC No.3656/2021

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 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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Shri R.C. Tandon Er. #146, Urban Estate, PO Chachoki, Phagwara, District Kapurthala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar.

Assistant Public Information Officer

O/o Estate Officer (Regulatory), Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Estate Officer, Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No.3683 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

- (ii) Shri Pawan Kumar, SDO/PIO, J.D.A. Jalandhar
- (ii) Shri Sanjeev Sharma, previous SDO/PIO, J.D.A. Jalandhar (now transferred)

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri R.C. Tandon, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. However, an e.mail has been received from him. The perusal of the same does not show any request from the appellant with regard to his absence from hearing except that "all appeal cases pending be disposed off as withdrawn".

3. Shri Sanjeev Sharma, SDO, J.D.A. Jalandhar (now transferred) and Shri Pawan Kumar, SDO, J.D.A. Jalandhar, O/o J.D.A. Jalandhar also come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. Shri Pawan Kumar states that the reply has been sent to the appellant after receiving the same from the

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AC No.3683/2021

Building Branch, vide letter dated 25.11.2021, stating it to be not available in the records. Shri Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent O/o E.O.(R), J.D.A. Jalandhar has not come present on cisco webex and is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the appellant was imposed penalty on account of unauthorized construction made by him with regard to which he has sought information regarding the criteria so adopted. He further states that he has been informed by the SDO of B&E Branch that he is going into the details of the case and will supply information to the appellant shortly.

- 4. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO Shri Pawan Kumar, SDO/PIO, J.D.A. Jalandhar and the APIO Shri Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent O/o Estate Officer(R), J.D.A. Jalandhar, impleaded as Respondent No.2 to provide information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench along with the relevant record on the next hearing.
- 5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 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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Shri Jagjit Singh(RTI Activist), R/o Aman Nagar, Street No.3 B/side Green Land School, Near Jalandhar By-pass, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Grater Ludhiana Area Development Authority (GLADA),Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

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

....Respondents

AC No.3741 of 2021

Present: (i) Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant.

(ii) None on behalf of GLADA, Ludhiana.

ORDER

- This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.11.2021 passed by this
 Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. The appellant Shri Jagjit Singh comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
- 3. Neither the PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
- 4. The Bench apprises the appellant that the information comprising 92 pages stands provided to him vide letter dated 05.07.2021, as observed during the previous hearing and is asked as to whether he is satisfied with the information supplied. He admits receipt of 92 pages but he states that he has not received copy of the register as asked for by him.

5. The Bench observes that the PIO has not come present to attend the hearing in spite of telephonic message having been given by the staff of the Bench. This indifferent attitude on the part of the PIO is viewed adversely.

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AC No.3741/2021

- 6. The PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiaha 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. 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, 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 they 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.
- 8. The Bench directs the PIO to supply complete information to the appellant as sought by the appellant vide his RTI application, before the next hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.
- With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on
 18.05.2022 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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Shri Brijinder Kumar, IPS(Retd.) H.No.593, IAS/IPC Society, Sector-49A, Chandigarh.

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Chief Town Planner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer O/o Chief Administrator, GMADA, PUDA Bhawan, Phase-VIII, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondent

CC No.36/2021

Present: (I) Shri Brijinder Kumar, complainant in person

- (ii) Ms. Shashi Kiran, Sr.Planning Draftsman and Ms. Veena, Research Officer, O/o District Town Planner, Mohali on behalf the PIO/respondent, in person.
- (iii) Shri Gurvinder Singh, PIO O/o GMADA, Mohali.

ORDER:

(Heard in person/through cisco webex/on mobile phone)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. 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. Ms. Shashi Kiran, Sr.Planning Draftsman and Ms. Veena, Research Officer, O/o District Town Planner, Mohali come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf the PIO O/o Chief Town Planner, Punjab, Chandigarh. The representative of PIO O/o District Town Planner, Mohali states that the information only on point No.1 relates to their office which is available on the website of the department.
- 4. Shri Gurvinder Singh, PIO O/o Chief Administrator, GMADA, Mohali come present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that information on point No.2 & 3 has been supplied

to the complainant vide letter dated 22.02.2022. He also states that some issues relate to the SDO(Building)-cum-APIO, GMADA, Mohali. The Bench also peruses the letter dated 22.02.2022 received by e.mail, wherein it has been stated that information on point No.8 is not available in the official records and information on points No.1,4,5,6,7 does not relate to their office.

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- 5. The complainant states that the information as sought by him has not been supplied by GMADA and only a letter has been received giving details of Branches to which the points relate. He also requests that hard copy of information be supplied to him.
- 6. Going by the version of the PIO O/o GMADA, Mohali, Punjab, the SDO (Building)-cum-APIO is impleased as respondent No.2. He is directed to supply point-wise information to the complainant relating to his branch. The PIO GMADA is directed to sort out the matter by coordinating in provision of information by different offices. The PIO O/o District Town Planner, Mohali is directed to provide link to the complainant to access the website of department. They are also directed to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing bringing along the relevant record and the copy of enquiry report conducted by one Shri Mahesh Bansal, Estate Officer, GMADA, as sought by the complainant.
- 7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 23.02.2022 Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Sukhvir Singh, Advocate, Cabin No.43, Backside Multistorey Parking Complex, New Court, Near Bharat Nagar Chowk, Ludhiana-141010.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation, Building Branch, Zone-B, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2109 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Sukhvir Singh, Appellant

(ii) Shri Kuljit Singh Mangat, ATP/PIO, Zone-B, M.C. Ludhiana.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Sukhvir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he had visited the office of PIO on 02.12.2021 and he had inspected some of the records and he has been again called today for this purpose and has been assured provision of information today.
- 3. Shri Kuljit Singh Mangat, ATP/PIO, Zone-B, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the appellant has again been called to his office to inspect the records so as to identify the information as required by him. He states that the information so identified by the appellant will be supplied to him today itself.

4. The Bench has received an e.mail today on 23.02.2022 post hearing from the PIO Zone-B, M.C. Ludhiana which shows that the appellant has received 16 pages after inspecting the records, further stating that rest of the documents will be provided on 24.02.2022.

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AC No.2109/2020

- 5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO-cum-ATP, Municipal Corporation, Zone-B, Ludhiana to supply the remaining information to the appellant as identified by the appellant. The Bench observes that an affidavit dated 02.12.2021is available in the case file. As the information is yet to be supplied to the appellant, the said affidavit is of no consequence and is not accepted. After complete information is supplied, the PIO is also directed to file a fresh affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper 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.2109 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 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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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Municipal Corporation,

Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2110 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Sukhvir Singh, Appellant

(ii) Shri Kuljit Singh Mangat, ATP/PIO, Zone-B, M.C. Ludhiana.

ORDER

- This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.11.2021 passed by this
 Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Sukhvir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he had visited the office of PIO on 02.12.2021 and he had inspected some of the records and he has been again called today for this purpose and has been assured provision of information today.
- 3. Shri Kuljit Singh Mangat, ATP/PIO, Zone-B, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the appellant has again been called to his office to inspect the records so as to identify the information as required by him. He states that the information so identified by the appellant will be supplied to him today itself.

4. The Bench has received an e.mail today on 23.02.2022 post hearing from the PIO Zone-B, M.C. Ludhiana which shows that the appellant has received 16 pages after inspecting the records, further stating that rest of the documents will be provided on 24.02.2022.

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AC No.2110/2020

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO-cum-ATP, Municipal Corporation, Zone-B, Ludhiana to supply the remaining information to the appellant as identified by the appellant. The Bench observes that an affidavit dated 02.12.2021is available in the case file. As the information is yet to be supplied to the appellant, the said affidavit is of no consequence and is not accepted. After complete information is supplied, the PIO is also directed to file a fresh affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper 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.2109 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 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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Shri Darshan Singh, S/o Shri Maninder Singh, R/o Village Rameana,, Tehsil Jaito, Distt. Faridkot.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-

Panchavat Secretary. Gram Panchayat, Rameana, Block Jaito, District Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer(DDPO), Faridkot...

...Respondents

AC No.5201 of 2021

Present: Shri Darshan Singh, Appellant. (i)

> (ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 05.04.2021 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 11.10.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.02.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Darshan Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he had received a letter dated 05.04.2021 from the BDPO Jaito whereby his RTI application had been transferred u/s 6(3) of RTI Act to Shri Jagtar Singh, PIO/Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Rameana. As such, he contacted Shri Jagtar Singh, Pacnchayat Secretary on phone who assured him to give information, but till date, no information has been provided. Now, Shri Jagtar Singh has stopped responding to his phone calls also. He was thus



constrained to file first appeal and the First Appellate Authority/DDPO Faridkot called him on 21.10.2021 for the hearing. He has been provided information on 29.10.2021 which is partial and incomplete.

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- 3. Neither the PIO /Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Rameana, Block Jaito, District Faridkot has come present in person nor through cisco webex. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
- 4. The PIO/Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Rameana, Block Jaito, 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. 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.
- 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 they 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 Bench directs the PIO to supply complete information to the appellant as sought by the appellant vide his RTI application, before the next hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.
- 7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 23.02.2022

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

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Shri Baldev Singh, S/o Shri Baaj Singh, R/o Village Sathiali, Block Kahnuwan,

Tehsil & Distt. Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, Mohali.

...Respondents

AC No.5202 of 2021

Present:

- (i) Shri Baldev Singh, Appellant.
- (ii) Ms. Jasbir Kaur, Senior Assistant O/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali on behalf of PIO.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 29.07.2021 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 25.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.02.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Baldev Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
- 3. Ms. Jasbir Kaur, Senior Assistant, O/o Director, Rural Development & Panchayat Department, Punjab, Mohali comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. She states that

the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 10.09.2021 by registered post. She further states that vide letter dated 04.02.2022, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Dev.), Gurdaspur and BDPO, Kahnuwan, District Gurdaspur have been asked to supply information to the appellant relating to their offices.

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- 4. On the asking of the Bench, the Appellant states that he has received the information vide letters dated 10.09.2021 and 12.12.2021 but he is not satisfied with the information provided to him and, accordingly, he has pointed out deficiencies vide his letter dated 27.01.2022. However, the said deficiencies pointed out by him have still not been addressed by the PIO.
- 5. In view of the version of the appellant, the Bench directs the PIO to remove the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant and ensure to provide complete information to the appellant after getting the same from concerned officers, before the next hearing.
- With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on
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Shri Jagtar Singh, S/o Shri Sampoooran Singh, R/o Village Naraina, PO Bhagrana,Block Khera, Tehsil Bassi Pathana, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO),Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer(DDPO), Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondents

AC No.5214 of 2021

Present: (i) Shri Jaqtar Singh, Appellant.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 10.08.2021 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 10.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.02.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Jagtar Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person but he leaves after submitting a letter dated 23.02.2022 wherein he has stated that he has received information on certain points and information on certain points is yet to be provided.

3. Neither the PIO/Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Naraina, Block Khera, District Fatehgarh Sahib has present in person or through cisco wheex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.

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- 4. The PIO/Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Naraina, Block Khera, District Fategarh Sahib 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. 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.
- 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 they 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 Bench observes that the Appellant has submitted letter dated 23.02.2021 before the Bench but he has not sent the deficiencies to the PIO. He is advised to send those deficiencies to the PIO. The PIO is directed to remove the deficiencies to be pointed out by the appellant to him and to supply rectified complete information before the next hearing.
- 7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 23.02.2022

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Shri Inderjit Singh,RTI Activist C/o Chamber no.141A, New Court, Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO), Bhogpur, District Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer(DDPO), Jalandhar.

...Respondents

AC No.5286 of 2021

Present: (i) Shri Inderjit Singh, Appellant.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated07.07.2021 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 20.08.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 23.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.02.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Inderjit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has sought information on six points from Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Madhopur, but no information has been supplied to him so far.
- 3. Neither the PIO has come present nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. However, an e.mail dated 22.02.2022 has been received from him stating that he had been deputed on election duty and as such, the information could not be supplied to the appellant.

4. The Bench observes that the RTI application of the appellant is dated 07.07.2021, first appeal is dated 20.08.2021. In spite of lapse of more than six months, the information has not been supplied to the appellant and as such, the contention of the PIO in not supplying information due to election duty is not accepted. The same is viewed adversely by the Bench.

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- 4. The PIO/Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Madhopur, Block Bhogpur, District 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 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 him 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 they 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/Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Madhopur, Block Bhogpur, is directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next hearing and also ensure 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 18.05.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 23.02.2022 Sd/-(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd)) State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Vijay Kumar, S/o Shri Baga Ram R/o Village Dullewala, Block Ferozepur, Tehsil & District Ferozepur.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer(DDPO), Ferozepur.

...Respondents

AC No.5327 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 12.08.2021 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 01.10.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.02.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Vijay Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
- 3. The PIO O/o BDPO Ferozepur has also not come present in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.
- 4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter. As such, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The PIO is, however,

directed to ensure to supply information to the appellant before the next hearing as also to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

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5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 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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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO), Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer(DDPO), Ferozepur.

...Respondents

AC No.5329 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 12.08.2021 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 01.10.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.02.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Vijay Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
- 3. The PIO O/o BDPO Ferozepur has also not come present in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. However, a letter dated 11.02.2022 is available in the case file which shows that the point-wise information has been provided to the appellant.

4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter. As such, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The appellant is, however, advised to point-out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied and also to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

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- 5. The PIO is directed 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 18.05.2022 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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Tehsil & District Ferozepur.Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO), Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer(DDPO), Ferozepur.

...Respondents

AC No.5331 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Gurmukh Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Dullewala, Block & District Ferozepur on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 12.08.2021 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 01.10.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.02.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Vijay Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
- 3. Shri Gurmukh Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Dullewala, Block & District Ferozepur attends the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He states that the information is ready with him and will provide the same to the appellant. Accordingly, he is directed to contact the appellant today itself and provide him the information.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 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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Shri Vijay Kumar, S/o Shri Baga Ram R/o Village Dullewala, Block Ferozepur, Tehsil & District Ferozepur.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer(DDPO), Ferozepur.

...Respondents

AC No.5332 of 2021

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Raminder Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Basti Khushal Singh, Block Ferozepur, Distt. Ferozepur on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 12.08.2021 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 01.10.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.02.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Vijay Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
- 3. Shri Raminder Singh, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Basti Khushal Singh, Block Ferozepur, Distt. Ferozepur comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

He states that he had been deputed on election duty and he assures to provide information after being relieved from election duty. As such, he requests for another date to enable him to provide information to the appellant. An e.mail dated 22.02.2022 has also been received from BDPO Ferozepur in this regard.

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- 4. The Bench accedes to the request made by the representative of PIO and the PIO. The PIO is directed to ensure that the information is provided to the appellant before the next hearing as also 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 18.05.2022 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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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Khadoor Sahib, Distt.Tarn Tarnan.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Khadoor Sahib, Distt.Tarn Tarnan.

...Respondents

AC No.5354 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 02.07.2021 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 18.08.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.02.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Tejinder Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
- 3. The PIO O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Khadoor Sahib, District Tarn Taran has also not come present in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.
- 4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter. As such, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The PIO is, however,

directed to ensure to supply information to the appellant before the next hearing as also to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

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No.5354/2021

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 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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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Tarn Tarnan.

First Appellate Authority O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Tarn Tarnan.

...Respondents

AC No.5358 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 02.07.2021 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 06.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.11.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.02.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Tejinder Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
- 3. The PIO O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate, Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran has also not come present in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.
- 4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter. As such, the Bench deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter. The PIO is, however,

directed to ensure to supply information to the appellant before the next hearing as also to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

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5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 18.05.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 23.02.2022