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Smt.Gurmeet Kaur  
W/o Shri Mohinder Pal Mehmi  
Ward No.B-2, House No.385,  
Opp. Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School,  
Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur-146105.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority  
Jalandhar.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority  
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

**AC No.2103 of 2022**

**Present:**

- (i) **Shri Mohinder Pal Mehmi along with Shri Harpreet Singh, Advocate on behalf of the Appellant, in person.**
- (ii) **Shri Pawan Kumar, SDO Public Health/PIO, J.D.A. Jalandhar, on behalf of the PIO/respondent, in person.**

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 13.12.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 01.02.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.04.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.06.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Mohinder Pal Mehmi and Shri Harpreet Singh, Advocate come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant.

3. Shri Pawan Kumar, PIO comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that the appellant is in possession of a plot at Chak Masulla, near Mahilpur (Hoshiarpur) which is an un-authorised colony and she had applied for NOC in respect of that plot which was rejected by JDA Jalandhar and relating to that, she has sought information vide present appeal case. He further states that according to the Policy of the Govt. prevalent in 2013, such un-authorised plots were given NOC, but according to the changed Govt. policy which came into effect in 2018, the NOC has been declined to the appellant and she was informed accordingly.

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4. The representative of appellant states that he is not satisfied with the reply of PIO and states that many similarly situated persons have been issued NOC in the said colony and in the case of appellant, it has been declined. He also refers to some decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court wherein the plot holder can exercise his option for waiver by which he can provide his own land for meeting with the requirement of width of the road of colony which can enable the said person to get NOC. Upon this, the PIO states that this matter relates to Estate Officer (Regulatory), Jalandhar Development Authority, and that Shri Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent is the concerned person.

5. As per version of the PIO, the Bench impleads Shri Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent/APIO, O/o Estate Officer (Regulatory), J.D.A. Jalandhar as Respondent No.2. He is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow the appellant access to the relevant record and provide information to the appellant point-wise before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench.

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 orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
23.06.2022**

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

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**Shri Rakesh Kumar, Superintendent/APIO O/o Estate Officer (Regulatory),  
Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar**

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Shri Ajit Singh Multani,  
Addl. Superintending Engineer,  
Communication, T&C Cell,  
408/409, Shakti Sadan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
PSPCL, Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Nodal Officer, RTI Cell,  
PSPCL, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Chief Engineer, HRD  
PSPCL, Head Office, Patiala.

....Respondents

**AC No. 2013 of 2022**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Manvir Saini, Assistant Manager, HR, PSPCL Patiala.
- (iii) Smt. Inderjit Kaur, Superintendent and Smt. Gagandeep Kaur, Deputy Manager, Secret Gazetted Branch, PSPCL Patiala, on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 28.09.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.01.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.04.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.06.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ajit Singh Multani, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 22.06.2022 stating that due to death in his relation, he is unable to attend the hearing and has requested for another date of hearing.

3. Shri Manvir Saini, Assistant Manager, HR, PSPCL Patiala comes present in person before the Bench and states that information on points No.2 to 5 relating to his Department has been sought by appellant. The reply has been given to the appellant and further states that on remaining points, information is to be provided by Secret Gazetted Branch.

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4. Smt. Inderjit Kaur, Superintendent and Smt. Gagandeep Kaur, Deputy Manager, Secret Gazetted Branch, PSPCL, Patiala come present in person before the Bench and state that the information is ready and the appellant was asked to deposit Rs.206/- for supply of information. However, the appellant had asked for the bifurcation of fee for each point which has also been sent to him vide letter dated 04.03.2022. But thereafter, no communication has been received from him. The information is, thus, still with them.

5. Since the appellant has sought another date for the hearing, his request is acceded to. The appellant is advised to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing. The PIO concerned is also directed 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 orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
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PSPCL, Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Dy.Chief Accounts Officer, A&R,  
PSTCL, Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

CFO, PSTCL, Patiala.

....Respondents

**AC No. 2014 of 2022**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Sumit Bansal, Deputy Chief Accounts Officer and Shri Jagjiwan Singh, Accounts Officer, PSTCL Patiala, in person..

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 23.09.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 04.01.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.04.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 23.06.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Ajit Singh Multani, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 22.06.2022 stating that due to death in his relation, he is unable to attend the hearing and has requested for another date of hearing.

3. Shri Sumit Bansal, Deputy Chief Accounts Officer and Shri Jagjiwan Singh, Accounts Officer, PSTCL Patiala, come present in person before the Bench. Shri Sumit Bansal, Deputy C.A.O. PSTCL, Patiala states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 28.10.2021. On the asking of the Bench, the PIO states that the information as available in the official records has been supplied to the appellant.

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4. Since the appellant has sought another date for the hearing, his request is acceded to. The appellant is advised to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing. The PIO concerned is also directed 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 24.08.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Sat Pall Sharma,  
S/o Shri Gian Chand Sharma,  
No.3623, Street No.1,  
Durga Puri, Haibowal Kalan,  
Distt:Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Chief Administrator,  
GLADA, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Chief Administrator,  
GLADA, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.662 of 2021**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Sat Pall Sharma, Appellant, in person.**  
(ii) **Shri Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana,  
on behalf of the respondent, in person.**

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.06.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The appellant Shri Sat Pall Sharma comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He also states that no information has been supplied to him till date. He further produces before the Bench authority letter in favour of Shri Manjit Singh authorising him to attend the hearing heretofore as he will be on a visit to Scotland, which is taken on record.

3. Shri Manpreet Singh, Senior Assistant O/o GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has brought along the information and on the asking of the Bench, hands over a copy of letter dated 22.06.2022 to the appellant and also produces a copy before the Bench.

4. The Bench directs the representative of PIO and appellant to sit in the adjacent court room and to peruse the information and then report to the Bench regarding any deficiency observed.

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**AC No.662 of 2021**

4. Shri Sat Pal Sharma, after perusing the information, states that the information has not been supplied to his satisfaction. The appellant also points out that the information has been delayed considerably and should attract imposition of penalty on the PIO.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The information as may be identified by the appellant be supplied to him duly attested by the PIO before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice.

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.

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Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate  
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,  
Backside Sanjh Kender,  
Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer-cum-**  
O/o Municipal Town Planner,  
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

**AC No.407 of 2021**

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

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through cisco webex/on mobile phone)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.06.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Tejinder Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been received by him so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO was also not present during the hearings dated 05.04.2021, 20.09.2021, 21.12.2021 and 08.03.2022. A show cause notice was issued to which no reply has been filed by the PIO. The Bench also imposed a penalty of Rs.5,000/- on the PIO/Municipal Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar but the same has not been deposited by the PIO. The Bench views the absence of the PIO as well as the non-compliance of orders of the Bench adversely.

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5. The PIO Municipal Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar is contacted on mobile phone. He is even not aware of the hearing of the case fixed for today and seems to be not aware of the full facts of the case. Then, he is apprised of the issuance of show cause notice and imposition of penalty of Rs.5000/- and that no compliance of the orders of the Bench has been made. He is given another opportunity to supply complete information to the appellant and comply with the directions of the Bench in totality. The PIO is further directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person, bringing along the evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty, on the next hearing, failing which, the Bench will be constrained to issue bailable warrant of the PIO to ensure his presence.

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 order be sent to the concerned parties. Copy of RTI application be sent along with the order.

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