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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, RTI Activist
Whistle Blower, President, NCAG Office,
Street No.5,, H.No.1331-5,
Vishawkarma Bhawan, Down Canal Road,
Shimlapuri, Ludhiana-141003.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Station House Officer,
Police Station, Shimlapuri, 5
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner of Police,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5470 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia with Shri Gurmej Lal, Appellant,**
through cisco webex.
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 24.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has not been provided any information by the PIO on the plea that the appellant is not a member of any social organization or association.
3. The PIO O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana has neither come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench observes that PIO has failed to attend the second consecutive hearing. The Bench also observed that the RTI application of the appellant is dated 17.06.2021 and the first appeal is dated 30.07.2021. In spite of lapse of more than nine months, the appellant has not been supplied information by the PIO. The Bench views the indifferent attitude of the PIO adversely.
5. The PIO O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence 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 comply with the directions of the Bench in totality. 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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6. 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.

7. The contention of the PIO as reported by the appellant is turned down. He is directed to supply information sought by the appellant as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
24.05.2022**

**Sd/-
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O/o Station House Officer,
Police Station, Daba,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5474 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia with Shri Gurmej Lal, Appellant through cisco webex.**
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 24.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has not been provided any information by the PIO on the plea that the appellant is not a member of any social organization or association.
3. The PIO O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana has neither come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench observes that PIO has failed to attend the second consecutive hearing. The Bench also observed that the RTI application of the appellant is dated 17.06.2021 and the first appeal is dated 30.07.2021. In spite of lapse of more than nine months, the appellant has not been supplied information by the PIO. The Bench views the indifferent attitude of the PIO adversely.
5. The PIO O/o Station House Officer, Police Station, Daba, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence 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 comply with the directions of the Bench in totality. 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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6. 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.

7. The contention of the PIO as reported by the appellant, is turned down. He is directed to supply information sought by the appellant as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

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O/o Municipal Corporation
(Building Department),
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5480 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard in person / on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 24.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that no information has been supplied to him so far by the PIO.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The PIO was absent during the previous hearing also, as such, a show cause notice was issued but no reply to the show cause notice has been filed. Shri Munish Arora, Building Inspector, M.C. Jalandhar, who is reported to be the official concerned, is contacted on mobile phone. He is apprised of today's hearing in the case. Thus, the PIO has not complied with the directions of the Bench.
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 Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar to be deducted from his



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salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the 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 05.07.2022 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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(Building Department),
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5481 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard in person / on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 24.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that no information has been supplied to him so far by the PIO.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of this representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The PIO was absent during the previous hearing also, as such, a show cause notice was issued but no reply to the show cause notice has been filed. Thus, the PIO has not complied with the directions of the Bench.
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 Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury

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under the 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 05.07.2022 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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Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5482 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard in person / on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 24.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that no information has been supplied to him so far by the PIO.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of this representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The PIO was absent during the previous hearing also, as such, a show cause notice was issued but no reply to the show cause notice has been filed. Thus, the PIO has not complied with the directions of the Bench.
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 Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury

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under the 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 05.07.2022 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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O/o Municipal Corporation
(Building Department),
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5483 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard in person / on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 24.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that no information has been supplied to him so far by the PIO.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The PIO was absent during the previous hearing also, as such, a show cause notice was issued but no reply to the show cause notice has been filed. Thus, the PIO has not complied with the directions of the Bench.
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AC No.5483 of 2021

under the 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-

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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.

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