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Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Mandi Ahmedgarh,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Patiala..

....Respondents

AC No.332 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Vikramjit Sharma, Executive Officer, Municipal Council,
Mandi Ahmedgarh, District Sangrur/PIO.**

ORDER

Heard through Cisco Webex

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Vikram Jeet, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Mandi Ahmedgarh/ PIO attends the hearing through Webex. He states that the information, as sought by the appellant after inspection of official record in the office of Municipal Council, Ahmedgarh, has again been supplied to the appellant and affidavit dated 21.08.2020 has also been filed.
4. The appellant is asked whether he has received the information to his satisfaction. He states that he was not allowed to inspect the related records properly during his visit to PIO's office and whatever information was earlier supplied, has been again provided without addressing the deficiencies pointed out by him. He is not satisfied with the information provided so far.



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5. In view of the contradictory statements made by the PIO and the appellant, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office again on 27.08.2020 at 11.30 AM. The official records relating to the RTI application will be shown to the appellant who will identify the documents after inspection. The PIO is directed to provide the point- wise information so identified by the appellant. If need be, the appellant be also shown information on the website and hard copies thereof be given to the appellant.

6. . PIO is also directed to file a fresh affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.332 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. The original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
24.08.2020**

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Mandi Ahmedgarh,
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Patiala..

....Respondents

AC No.333 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Vikram Jeet, Executive Officer, Municipal Council,
Mandi Ahmedgarh, District Sangrur/ PIO.**

ORDER

Heard through Cisco Webex

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2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through Webex.
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4. The appellant is asked whether he has received the information to his satisfaction. He states that he was not allowed to inspect the official records properly during his visit to PIO's office and whatever information was earlier supplied, has been again provided without addressing the deficiencies pointed out by him. He is not satisfied with the information provided so far.



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AC No.333/2020

5. In view of the contradictory statements made by the PIO and the appellant, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office again on 27.08.2020 at 11.30 AM. The official records relating to the RTI application will be shown to the appellant who will identify the documents after inspection. The PIO is directed to provide the point- wise information so identified by the appellant. If need be, the appellant be also shown information on the website and hard copies thereof be given to the appellant.

6. . PIO is also directed to file a fresh affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.333 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. The original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

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Municipal Council, Malerkotla
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Patiala..

....Respondents

AC No.334 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Chander Parkash, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Malerkotla/PIO**
with Shri Lal Singh, Junior Engineer.

ORDER

Heard through Cisco Webex

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2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Chander Parkash, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Malerkotla attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information in respect of the off-line record has been supplied to the appellant.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he visited the office of PIO but no records were shown to him for inspection and no information has been provided to him. Shri Lal Singh, Junior Engineer present along with the PIO explains that the information stands supplied. Shri Lal Singh states that the information including various notices issued, have been supplied to the appellant.
5. In view of the contradictory statements made by the PIO and the appellant, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office again on 11.09.2020 at 11.30 AM. The official records relating to the



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RTI application will be shown to the appellant who will identify the documents after inspection. The PIO is directed to provide the point-wise information so identified by the appellant. If need be, the appellant be also shown information on the website and hard copies thereof be given to the appellant.

6. PIO is also directed to file an affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.334 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. The original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. The Bench observes that the PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous date of hearing, but no reply to the show cause notice has been filed. PIO is again directed to file reply to the show cause notice before next date of hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Municipal Council, Malerkotla
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Patiala..

....Respondents

AC No.335 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Chander Parkash, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Malerkotla/PIO with Shri Lal Singh, Junior Engineer.**

ORDER

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2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through Webex.
3. Shri Chander Parkash, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Malerkotla attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information in respect of the off-line record has been supplied to the appellant.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he visited the office of PIO but no records were shown to him for inspection and no information has been provided to him. Shri Lal Singh, Junior Engineer present along with the PIO, explains that the information stands supplied. Shri Lal Singh states that the information including various notices issued, have been supplied to the appellant.
5. In view of the contradictory statements made by the PIO and the appellant, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office again on 11.09.2020 at 11.30 AM. The official records relating to the



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AC No.335/2020

RTI application will be shown to the appellant who will identify the documents after inspection. The PIO is directed to provide the point-wise information so identified by the appellant. If need be, the appellant be also shown information on the website and hard copies thereof be given to the appellant..

6. . PIO is also directed to file an affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.335 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. The original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. The Bench observes that the PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous date of hearing, but no reply to the show cause notice has been filed. PIO is again directed to file reply to the show cause notice before next date of hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Ward No.8, Dhanaula,
District Barnala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Motor Vehicle Registration
Authority, Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

AC No.1098 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Shakti Bhushan, Appellant (Heard through Webex)**
(ii) **Shri Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk/APIO, O/o Secretary, RTA Ferozepur
on behalf of the PIO (Contacted through Mobile phone)**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 27.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant Shri Shakti Bhushan attends the hearing through Cisco Webex..
3. An attempt was made to contact the respondent through Cisco Webex. However, due to poor connectivity through Cisco Webex, Shri Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ferozepur was contacted telephonically subsequently. He states that the information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 03.08.2020.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that a letter dated 03.08.2020 has been received by him on 14.08.2020, wherein the PIO has stated that the information being voluminous, cannot be supplied. He further states that he has not been called to inspect the official records as directed on the previous hearing.
5. The Bench observes that neither the PIO has called the appellant for inspection of official records nor has filed the affidavit and as such, PIO has failed to comply with the directions of the Commission.



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AC No.1098/2020

The PIO, O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Authority, Ferozpur is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain 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 also for not complying with the directions of the Commission. 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.

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO 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.

7. The PIO is directed to call the appellant on 27.08.2020 to inspect the official records and identify the documents as per his RTI application. The PIO is directed to provide the complete information so identified by the appellant.

8. PIO is also directed to file an affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.1098 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. The original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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District Barnala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

Vehicle Registration Authority,
O/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Sunam, District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

....Respondents

AC No.1097 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Shakti Bhushan, Appellant**
(ii) **Shri Chhajju Ram, Superintendent Grade-2/PIO, O/o SDM Sunam,
Distt. Sangrur.**

ORDER

(Heard through Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 27.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant Shri Shakti Bhushan attends the hearing through Cisco Webex..
3. The PIO, Shri Chhajju Ram, Superintendent Grade-2, O/o SDM Sunam, District Sangrur attends hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17.08.2020 by registered post.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he had visited the office of PIO to inspect the official records but no record was shown to him for inspection. He was assured that the requisite information will be sent to him. However, till date, he has not received any information.
5. The Bench observes that on the previous hearing, the PIO was directed to file an affidavit after supplying complete information to the appellant, but no affidavit has been filed by the PIO. As such, the PIO has not abided by the orders of Commission. The PIO, O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Authority, Sunam



Is issued show cause notice to explain 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 also for not complying with the directions of the Commission. 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.

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO 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.

7. The PIO is directed to send the complete information again to the appellant by registered post. He is also directed to file an affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.1097 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the Appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. The original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and a photocopy thereof be sent to the Commission for record.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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24.08.2020**

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Ward No.8, Dhanaula,
District Barnala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Authority,
Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Patiala.

....Respondents

AC No.1096 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Shakti Bhushan, Appellant (Heard through Webex)**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 30.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant Shri Shakti Bhushan attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that no information has been provided to him as yet nor any reply from the PIO in this regard has been received.
4. No one on behalf of the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. An attempt was made to contact on mobile phone, Shri Amarjit Singh, Clerk O/o SDM Fatehgarh Sahib who attended the previous hearing on behalf of the PIO, but no response was received from him.
5. The Bench observes that the PIO has neither supplied any information nor he has called the appellant to his office for inspection of official records nor any affidavit has been filed as directed on the previous hearing. The PIO, O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Authority, Fatehgarh Sahib is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain 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 also for not complying with the directions of the Commission. 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, PIO 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.

7. The PIO is directed to provide the complete information to the appellant. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.1096 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. The original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Vehicle Registration Authority,
O/o Sub-Divisional Magistrate,
Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority, Hoshiarpur.

....Respondents

AC No.1094 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Shakti Bhushan, Appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard through Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 27.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant Shri Shakti Bhushan attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that information has been provided to him and he is satisfied with the information received, however, he is not convinced with the photocopy of affidavit enclosed. The affidavit enclosed with the letter has not been attested by the Notary Public.
3. Since no one has come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of PIO, an attempt was made to contact Shri Bhupinder Singh, Junior Assistant O/o SDM Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur who attended the previous hearing, but he did not respond.
4. The Bench peruses the case file and finds that a letter dated 18.08.2020 has been received from the PIO enclosing original affidavit along with the information. The Bench apprises the appellant that the original affidavit is available in relevant case file and that the same will be sent to him along with the order. Upon this, the appellant expresses his satisfaction and gives his consent to close the appeal case.
5. In view of the above, no cause of action is left in the matter. **The appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant along with the order.

**Chandigarh
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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Authority,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

AC No.1092 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Shakti Bhushan, Appellant**
(ii) **Shri Ravinder Singh, PIO O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Authority,
Gurdaspur.**

ORDER

(Heard through Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 27.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant Shri Shakti Bhushan attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has received a letter dated 03.08.2020 from the PIO informing that the record of the information sought is about six years old and is voluminous. He has been asked to intimate them the special registration numbers of Tractors within a week and if he fails to do so, it will be assumed by the PIO that the appellant does not want to get the information.
3. Shri Ravinder Singh, PIO O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Authority, Gurdaspur attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He reiterates the same thing as stated in the letter dated 03.08.2020. He further states that the appellant has not intimated to them the specific registration numbers of the Tractors to enable them to supply the information.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that similar information has been provided to him by other Motor Vehicles Registration Authorities. If there is any difficulty in providing the said information, the help of the agency N.I.C. situated at District level can be sought.



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5. The Bench notes with concern that the PIO has not supplied the information, rather the appellant has been denied information on one pretext or the other. The PIO, O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Authority, Gurdaspur is issued show cause notice to explain 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 also for not complying with the directions of the Commission. 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.

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO 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.

7. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office on any working day by tying up with him to peruse the relevant official records. The appellant, after perusal, will identify the information/ documents he needs as per his RTI application. PIO will ensure to provide the photocopies of the information/documents so identified, duly attested.

8. PIO is also directed to file an affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that complete information in AC No.1092 of 2020, as available in the official records, has been provided to the Appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The information supplied is correct and authentic. The original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and a photocopy thereof be sent to the Commission for record.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 19.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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