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

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Local Govt. Department, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Local Govt. Department, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh

...Respondent

AppealCase No. 761 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Raj Mal, Suptd. (Recruitment Cell), Sh.Balwinder Pal-APIO(LG-1), Sh.Parminder Singh, Clerk(Municipal Service Cell), Sh.Chetan, Sr.Asstt (LG-3), Sh.Gagandeep (L-2), Sh.Taranjit Singh(Trust Service Cell) for the

Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 13.02.2020 has sought information regarding certified copies of educational qualification, courses done (during jobs) by building clerks, building inspectors, JEs, AME &ME, their seniority list in Municipal Bodies(Municipal Councils, Municipal Committees, Certified area Committees & Nagar Panchayats), Municipal Trusts and Municipal Corporation all across Punjab from 01.01.1999 and other information concerning the office of Director, Local Govt. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 17.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal. The appellant had filed RTI application under Life & Liberty but the Hon'ble CIC order to consider the case under General category.

The case has come up for hearing through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to a network problem the VC could not take place. The respondents from different departments of Local Govt. are present at Chandigarh. The respondents present from recruitment cell & Trust Service Cell have pleaded that since the information relates to the third party, it cannot be provided and the reply has been sent to appellant vide letter dated 17.07.2020 & 24.08.2020 respectively.

The respondent present from Municipal Trust Cell has informed that the available information concerning them has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 02.07.2020. The respondent further informed that the information sought by the appellant is not specified and voluminous since the appellant has asked for information of different employees of Municipal Councils, Municipal Committees, Certified area Committees & Nagar Panchayats), Municipal Trusts and Municipal Corporation in the state of Punjab.

The respondent from LG-2 Branch has also pleaded that the information sought by the appellant is not specified.

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Having gone through the RTI application, reply submitted by the PIOs and discussions with the respondents, the Commission agrees that the information that has been sought by the appellant is very voluminous and not specific and involves huge manpower to procure the information of all employees of different departments of the department of Local Bodies, as well as involves many PIOs in the process. The information also involves privacy issue of the employees since he has asked for educational certificates of all the employees working under Local Govt. Department.

The appellant is hereby directed to file fresh application to the Commission and clearly specify the information that he seeks and also establish a larger public interest involved in revealing such voluminous and personal information.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **19.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated 24.08.2020

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O/o Director, Local Govt Department, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Local Govt Department, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 762 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Raj Mal, Suptd. (Recruitment Cell), Sh.Balwinder Pal-APIO(LG-1), Sh.Parminder Singh, Clerk(Municipal Service Cell), Sh.Chetan, Sr.Asstt (LG-3), Sh.Gagandeep (L-2), Sh.Taranjit Singh(Trust Service Cell) for the

Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 10.02.2020 has sought information regarding appointments and promotions/demotion to building clerks, building inspectors, JEs, AME, ME, Executive Officers in Municipal Bodies (Municipal Councils, Municipal Committees, Certified area Committees & Nagar Panchayats), Municipal Trusts and Municipal Corporation all across Punjab from 01.01.2010 – appointment letters, educational certificates – charge sheets – enquiry report charge sheets/enquiries pending and other information concerning the office of Director, Local Govt. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 13.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal. The appellant had filed RTI application under Life & Liberty but the Hon'ble CIC order to consider the case under General category.

The case has come up for hearing through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to a network problem, the VC could not take place. The respondents from different departments of Local Govt. are present at Chandigarh. The respondents present from recruitment cell & Trust Service Cell have pleaded that since the available information concerning them has been provided to the appellant and remaining information being third party, it cannot be provided and the reply has been sent to appellant vide letter dated 16.07.2020 & 24.08.2020 respectively.

The respondents present from Municipal Trust Cell & LG-1, LG-2 & LG-3 Branch have informed that the information sought by the appellant is not specified and voluminous since the appellant has asked for information of different employees of Municipal Councils, Municipal Committees, Certified area Committees & Nagar Panchayats), Municipal Trusts and Municipal Corporation in the state of Punjab.

Appeal Case No. 762 of 2020

Having gone through the RTI application, reply submitted by the PIOs and discussions with the respondents, the Commission agrees that the information that has been sought by the appellant is very voluminous and not specific and involves huge manpower to procure the information of all employees of different departments of the department of Local Bodies, as well as involves many PIOs in the process. The information also involves privacy issue of the employees since he has asked for educational certificates of all the employees working under Local Govt. Department.

The appellant is hereby directed to file fresh application to the Commission and clearly specify the information that he seeks and also establish a larger public interest involved in revealing such voluminous and personal information.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **19.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

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... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Local Govt Department, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Local Govt Department, Sector-35-A, Chandigarh

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 971 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Raj Mal, Suptd. (Recruitment Cell), Sh.Balwinder Pal-APIO(LG-1), Sh.Parminder Singh, Clerk(Municipal Service Cell), Sh.Chetan, Sr.Asstt (LG-3), Sh.Gagandeep (L-2), Sh.Taranjit Singh(Trust Service Cell) for the

Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 17.02.2020 has sought information regarding appointments and promotions/demotion of draftsmen, their qualifications certificates at the time of appointment and acquired thereafter during jobs. Vacancies of draftsmen, building clerks, building inspectors, JE, AME, ME-executive officers – permission sought and permission granted for further education, leaves sought and granted – PCP – details of vacancies of draftsmen, building clerks, building inspectors, JE-AME-ME in Municipal Bodies (Municipal Councils, Municipal Committees, Certified area Committees & Nagar Panchayats), Municipal Trusts and Municipal Corporation all across Punjab from 01.01.1999 and other information concerning the office of Director, Local Govt. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.02.2020 which took no decision on the appeal. The appellant had filed RTI application under Life & Liberty but the Hon'ble CIC order to consider the case under General category.

The case has come up for hearing through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to a network problem, the VC could not take place. The respondents from different departments of Local Govt. are present at Chandigarh. The respondents present from recruitment cell & Trust Service Cell have pleaded that since the available information concerning them has been provided to the appellant and remaining information being third party, it cannot be provided and the reply has been sent to appellant vide letter dated 17.07.2020 & 24.08.2020 respectively

The respondents present from Municipal Trust Cell & LG-1, LG-2 & LG-3 Branch have informed that the information sought by the appellant is not specified and voluminous since the appellant has asked for information of different employees of Municipal Councils, Municipal Committees, Certified area Committees & Nagar Panchayats), Municipal Trusts and Municipal Corporation in the state of Punjab.

Appeal Case No. 971 of 2020

Having gone through the RTI application, reply submitted by the PIOs and discussions with the respondents, the Commission agrees that the information that has been sought by the appellant is very voluminous and not specific and involves huge manpower to procure the information of all employees of different departments of the department of Local Bodies, as well as involves many PIOs in the process. The information also involves privacy issue of the employees since he has asked for educational certificates of all the employees working under Local Govt. Department.

The appellant is hereby directed to file fresh application to the Commission and clearly specify the information that he seeks and also establish a larger public interest involved in revealing such voluminous and personal information.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **19.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

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Sh.Lakhvir Singh, S/o Sh.Harbans Singh, Villge Gharkhana, P.O Manki, Tehsil Samrala, Distt Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o Water Supply and Sanitation Deptt, Phase-2.Pb, Mohali.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Water Supply and Sanitation Deptt, Phase-2, Pb, Mohali.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 778 of 2020

Versus

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Amandeep Singh, JE for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 10.10.2019 has sought information regarding permission granted for cultivating land around water tank, income from that cultivation to the department and other information concerning the office of Water Supply and Sanittio Department, Punjab Mohali. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 28.11.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that since the water supply scheme is being looked after by the concerned Municipal Committee and the chairman of concerned gram panchayat, the information is not available with them and the reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 11.08.2020.

The respondent is directed to procure the information from the concerned Sarpanch/Municipal Committee and provide to the appellant.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **19.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

Sd/-

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Sh.Sukhdhir Singh, Head Teacher, Block-Mangat-2, Ludhiana. R/o H No-4,BabaNand Singh Nagar, Basant Avenue Dugri, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o DEO (EE), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O.o DEO (EE), Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 847of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Sukhdhir Singh as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 06.09.2019 has sought information regarding observations /objections of DEO(EE) Ludhiana about his case on the state awards for the years 2018-19 & 2019-20, any objection if any, statement of complainant, enquiry report of the enquiry officer and other information concerning the office of DEO(EE) Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 01.01.2020 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing first appeal, the PIO sent reply to the appellant vide letter dated 05.02.2020. On being not satisfied with the reply, the appellant filed second appeal in the Commission.

The case has come up for hearing through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to network problem, the VC could not take place. The appellant is present at Chandigarh and informed that the PIO has not supplied the information as per the RTI application.

Having gone through the reply, the Commission observes that the reply is incomplete. The PIO is directed to provide the information as per the RTI application. If the PIO seeks any exemption, he is directed to give a speaking order.

The Commission further observes that there has been an enormous delay in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time. He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

To come up for further hearing on **19.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

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... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o DEO (EE), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O.o DEO (EE), Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1162 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Sukhdhir Singh as the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 09.01.2020 has sought information regarding order dated 07.01.2020 & 08.01.2002 regarding complaint against the appellant with documents attached with the complaint, name of enquiry officer and enquiry report – observations of DEO and other information concerning the office of DEO (EE) Punjab, Ludhiana. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the PIO vide letter dated 16.01.2020 after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 30.01.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to network problem, the VC could not take place. The appellant is present at Chandigarh and informed that the PIO has not supplied the information as per the RTI application.

Having gone through the reply, the Commission observes that the reply is incomplete. The PIO is directed to provide the complete information as per the RTI application within 15 days. If the PIO seeks any exemption, he is directed to give a speaking order.

To come up for further hearing on **19.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana

Sd/-

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Sh.Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, Ward no-18, Street No-2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,Khana

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o PMIDC, Pb Municipal Bhawan, 5th Floor, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o PMIDC, Pb Municipal Bhawan, 5th Floor, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 907 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 20.08.2019 has sought information regarding orders passed for floating tenders for a constant firm for the works to be carried out under AMRUT and other schemes of development of Punjab sewerage and water supply board projects – appointment of M/s Shah Consultants Pvt Ltd. Under Amrut and other schemes and other information concerning the office of Punjab Municipal Infrastructure Development Company, Pb Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 26.10.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to network problem, the VC could not take place. The PIO vide letter received in the Commission on 24.08.2020 has sought adjournment stating that they have to attend some urgent meetings. The PIO in the same letter has further informed that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 19.08.2020 and a copy of the same submitted to the Commission.

The appellant vide email has informed that the PIO has not provided the complete information. A copy of the information is being attached with the order for the appellant. The appellant is directed to point out the discrepancies if any in writing to the PIO and the PIO is directed to remove the discrepancies.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **19.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

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Sh.Rohit Sabharwal, Kundan Bhawan, 126 Model Gram, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Principal Secretary, Deptt of Local Govt, Pb Civil Secretariat-2, Sec-9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Principal Secretary, Deptt of Local Govt, Pb Civil Secretariat-2, Sec-9, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1103 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Parminder Singh, for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 09.12.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the letter dated 03.10.2019 issued by the Commissioner MC Ludhiana recommending the suspension of Sh.Rahul Kumar, Building Inspector - information showing the reasons for not suspending the said Rahul Kumar – day-to-day movement of aforesaid letter and other information concerning the office of Principal Secretary, Department of Local Bodies, Govt of Punjab Chandigarh. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 03.01.2020 stating that the matter is under consideration with the Govt. after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 23.01.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to network problem, the VC could not take place. The respondent is present and pleaded that the matter is under consideration with the State Govt.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **27.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated 24.08.2020

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Sh.Rohit Sabharwal, Kundan Bhawan, 126 Model Gram, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Principal Secretary, Deptt of Local Govt, Pb Civil Secretariat-2, Sec-9, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Principal Secretary, Deptt of Local Govt, Pb Civil Secretariat-2, Sec-9, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1104 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Parminder Singh, Municipal Service Cell for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 09.12.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the letter dated 23.07.2019 issued by the Commissioner MC Ludhiana recommending the suspension of Sh.Kuljeet Singh, Mangat, Building Inspector - information showing the reasons for not suspending the said Kuljeet Singh Mangat—day-to-day movement of aforesaid letter and other information concerning the office of Principal Secretary, Department of Local Bodies, Govt of Punjab Chandigarh. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 03.01.2020 stating that the matter is under consideration with the Govt.after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 23.01.2020 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to network problem, the VC could not take place. The respondent is present and pleaded that the matter is under consideration with the State Govt

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **27.10.2020 at 11.00 AM.** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO to appear at Chandigarh.

Sd/-

(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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Sh.Rohit Sabharwal, Kundan Bhawan, 126 Model Gram, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/oChief Vigilance Officer, Deptt of Local Bodies, Govt of Pb, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Vigilance Officer, Deptt of Local Bodies, Govt of Pb, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1154 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 12.11.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the complaint letter dated 09.04.2019 filed against the huge corruption prevailing in the building branch of MC Ludhiana that under the pretext of challans issued under section 269 of Punjab MC Act 1976, by taking protection money in return, allows the illegal compoundable construction to get completed and other information concerning the office of Chief Vigilance Officer, Department of Local Bodies, Govt of Punjab Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 26.12.2019 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing first appeal, the PIO-CVG, Department of Local Govt.sent reply to the appellant vide letter dated 13.01.2020 stating that the enquiry is pending, the information cannot be provided.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to network problem, the VC could not take place. The Commission has received a letter from the PIO dated 17.08.2020 stating that since the enquiry has not yet been completed, the information cannot be provided.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **27.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The **PIO to appear at Chandigarh.**

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... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/oSecretary to Deptt of Local Bodies, Govt of Pb, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Vigilance Officer, Deptt of Local Bodies, Govt of Pb, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1117 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Balwinder Pal, APIO-LG-1 Branch for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 28.09.2019 has sought information regarding copy of file of notification No.GSR-4/PA42/1976/571.AMD(ii)2007 dated 01.02.2007 - action taken on the notification and other information concerning the office of Secretary Department of Local Bodies, Govt of Punjab Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the infokrmatin after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 10.01.2020 which took no decision on the appeal. After filing first appeal, the PIO-Department of Local Govt. Branch-3 sent reply to the appellant vide letter dated 31.01.2020 stating that the information does not relate to them.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to network problem, the VC could not take place. The respondent is present and informed that since this notification was issued in the year 2007, the information is not traceable in their record.

The Commission however, will not consider the record missing until an enquiry is conducted and the enquiry report is submitted which establishes that the record is missing and the responsibility has been fixed for the person under whose custody the record found missing.

The PIO is directed to conduct an enquiry into the matter and submit complete enquiry report which establishes that the record is missing and the responsibility has been fixed for the person under whose custody the record found missing.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **27.10.2020 at 11.00 AM.** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, **Ludhiana.**The **PIO to appear at Chandigarh**.

Sd/-

(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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Sh.Sarabjeet Singh Gill, H No-60-35-P-376-1, Street No-8, Maha Singh Nagar, P.O Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/oDirector, Deptt of Local Bodies, Govt of Pb, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/oDirector, Deptt of Local Bodies, Govt of Pb, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1180 of 2020

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 30.12.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the complaints of S.Amarjit Singh Dhamotia dated 27.12.2019 against encroachment on public land – name of inspecting officer – copy of diary register –statement of concerned parties – finding violation status and other information concerning the office of Department of Local Bodies, Govt of Punjab Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 31.10.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conferencing at DAC Ludhiana. Due to network problem, the VC could not take place. The appellant vide email has sought exemption. In the same email, the appellant has informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **27.10.2020 at 11.00 AM.** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The **PIO to appear at Chandigarh.**

Sd/-

Chandigarh Dated 24.08.2020