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Shri Neeraj Patial,
R/o H.No.463, Gali Bhatrian Wali,
Chowk Bijli Wala, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 891 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Neeraj Patial, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 15.11.2021 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 17.12.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2022 through cisco webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Neeraj Patiala, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has sought information with regard to a notice issued by Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, but the same has not been supplied so far.

3. Neither the PIO has come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. On enquiring from the appellant, he states that Shri Paramjit Singh Building Inspector is concerned official and on the mobile number given by the appellant, Shri Paramjit Singh is contacted on mobile phone. He, however, is unable to explain absence of PIO and is not aware of the facts of case.

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4. The Bench observes that RTI application of the appellant is dated 15.11.2021 and first appeal is dated 17.12.2021 and the PIO has not supplied information to the appellant even after a lapse of more than five months. The indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

5. The PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar 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 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.

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.

6. The PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant and also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.05.2022**

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.....Appellant

Versus

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O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

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

....Respondents

AC No. 926 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Neeraj Patial, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 15.11.2021 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 17.12.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2022 through cisco webex. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Neeraj Patial, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has sought copies of the log book of vehicle allotted to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar for the months of September to November, 2021, but the same has not been supplied so far.

3. Neither the PIO has come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.

4. The Bench observes that RTI application of the appellant is dated 15.11.2021 and first appeal is dated 17.12.2021 and the PIO has not supplied information to the appellant even after a lapse of more than five months. The indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

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5. The PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar 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 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.

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 PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant and also 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 06.07.2022 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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25.05.2022**

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Shri Gaurav Kumar
S/o Shri Ashok Kumar
H.No.100/7, Jawahar Nagar,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Greater Ludhiana Area
Development Authority (GLADA),
Ludhiana..

First Appellate Authority-cum-,
O/o Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area
Development Authority (GLADA),
Ludhiana..

...Respondents

AC No.892/2022

Present: (i) **Shri Gaurav Kumar, appellant, in person**
(ii) **Shri Divleen Singh, SDO/PIO, GLADA, Ludhiana.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/ through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 13.07.2021 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 02.09.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Gaurav Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has not been supplied any information so far.
3. Shri Divleen Singh, SDO/PIO, GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant today, 25.05.2022 by registered post as also by e.mail to the Hon'ble Commission.

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4. The PIO is apprised that no such e.mail has been received by the Commission. He is directed to again send the information to the appellant point-wise. He is also directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The additional information identified by the appellant, if any, duly attested by the PIO be also provided to him before the next hearing.

5. The PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana 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 06.07.2022 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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Shri Parduman Kumar,
S/o Shri Krishan Kumar,
R/o H.No.2631/9, O/s Ram Mohalla,
Katra Karam Singh, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

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

....Respondents

AC No. 932 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Parduman Kumar, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 23.11.2021 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 28.12.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Parduman Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has sought action taken report on a complaint made by him for not depositing the tax deducted from his salary, but the same has not been provided to him so far..

3. Neither the PIO has come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. It has been told by the appellant that Shri IPS Randhawa, Municipal Town Planner, Municipal

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Corporation, Amritsar is the PIO. The Bench discusses the matter with the Nodal Officer Shri Pardeep Rajput regarding the non-attending the hearing by the PIO. He states that the PIOs designated are the senior functionaries and he can only apprise them of the hearing date but cannot ensure their presence.

4. The Bench observes that RTI application of the appellant is dated 23.11.2021 and first appeal is dated 28.12.2021 and the PIO has not supplied information to the appellant even after the lapse of more than five months. The indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

5. The PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar 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 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.

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 PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant and also 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 06.07.2022 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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25.05.2022**

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Shri Rattan Ram
S/o Shri Kul Chand,
R/o Vill. Arnetu, PO Sadharanpur,
Tehsil Patran, District Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Punjab State Power Corporation
Limited (PSPCL),Badsahpur Mandi,
Tehsil Patran, Distt. Patiala.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Punjab State Power Corporation
Limited (PSPCL),Badsahpur Mandi,
Tehsil Patran, Distt. Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.941/2022

Present: (i) **Shri Rattan Ram, appellant, in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 22.11.2021 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 03.01.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Rattan Ram, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has sought information regarding the Tubewell Connection A/c No.S.302 allotted in the name of Kool Chand at village Arnetu, which has not been supplied to him.

3. Neither the PIO has come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.

4. The Bench observes that RTI application of the appellant is dated 23.11.2021 and first appeal is dated 28.12.2021 and the PIO has not supplied information to the appellant even after a lapse of more than five months. The indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

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5. The PIO O/o Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., Badsahpur Mandi, Tehsil Patran, District Patiala 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 comply with the directions of the Bench. 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, 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 PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant and also 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 06.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.05.2022**

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Shri Amit Kumar
S/o Shri Ramesh Kumar
R/o Flat C-4, Marvel Homes,
Barewal Road, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Greater Ludhiana Area
Development Authority (GLADA),
Ludhiana..

First Appellate Authority-cum-,
O/o Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area
Development Authority (GLADA),
Ludhiana..

...Respondents

AC No.849/2022

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **Shri Divleen Singh, SDO/PIO, GLADA, Ludhiana.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex/on mobile phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 26.11.2021 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 26.12.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.05.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Amit Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Divleen Singh, SDO/PIO, GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant firstly on 18.01.2022 and thereafter, on 05.04.2022, by registered post.
4. The appellant Shri Amit Kumar is contacted on mobile phone. He is apprised of the version of the PIO, but he denies the receipt of information.

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5. Post deliberations with the PIO and the appellant, the PIO is directed to send the information again by registered post as well as by e.mail to the appellant. The Bench also directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records and supply information to the appellant, as may be identified by him, duly attested by the PIO, before the next hearing. For this purpose, he is directed to depute an official with specific direction to attend to the appellant for inspection of records.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.07.2022 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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Shri Gurdhian Singh,
S/o Shri Labh Singh
R/o VPO Bhanra,
Tehsil & District Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Sub Divisional Officer,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
(PSPCL), Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Dy. Chief Engineer, Operation,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
(PSPCL), Patiala

...Respondents

AC No.5436/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Gurdhian Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/SDO, Sub Division, Cantt. PSPCL, Patiala, Respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Gurdhian Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that as per directions of Hon'ble Bench, he has not been called to office by the PIO and the remaining information has not been provided and thus, the directions of the Bench still remain un-complied with.
3. Neither the PIO O/o SDO, Sub Division, Cantt. PSPCL, Patiala, has come present in person before the Bench or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.
4. The Bench observes that during previous hearing, the PIO was directed to call the appellant for inspection of records and to supply information to be identified by the appellant after inspection of records as also to file an affidavit after supply of information. As such, the PIO has not complied with the directions of the Bench.

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AC No.5436/2021

5. The PIO O/o Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Division, Cantt., Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., Patiala 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 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.

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.

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