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Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma, M: 9855890233,
R/o New Sharma Furniture House,
Partap Bazar, Chheharta, Distt. Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Vs.

Sh. Iqbalpreet Singh Randhawa,
Public Information Officer-cum-MTP
O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4542 of 2021.

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant.
None on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.02.2022.

2. The appellant states that the respondent-Public Information Officer may be directed to supply the complete information in this case. The respondent-Public Information Officer is absent without intimation. Video Conference Facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the absence of the respondents and attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the respondent seriously, Sh. Iqbalpreet Singh Randhawa, Public Information Officer-cum-MTP, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing wilful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him..

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

He is also directed to file the specific reply/supply the information in this case before the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on 9.6.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Amritsar.

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Dated: 25.4.2022

(Suresh Arora)
Chief Information Commissioner,
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Sh. Tejinder Singh Advocate, Civil Court,
Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur – 144410.
M: 9041004313.

.....Appellant

Vs.

Sh. Manmohan Kaushik,
Public Information Officer
-cum-Sub-Registrar, Jagraon,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Jagraon,
District Ludhiana.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3541 of 2021.

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present: Sh. Tejinder Singh, appellant.
Sh. Sahil Aggarwal, Clerk o/o Sub Registrar, Jagraon on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.02.2022.

2. The appellant has sent the submissions through email, which are taken on record. However, the respondent-Public Information Officer Sh. Manmohan Kaushik is absent. Video Conference Facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Sh. Manmohan Kaushik, Public Information Officer-cum-Sub Registrar, Jagraon, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him..

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he

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does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

He is also directed to supply the information before the next date of hearing.

3. To come up on 15.6.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, District Ludhiana.

Dated: 25.4.2022

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Sh. Sukhbir Singh Mahal (M: 8054340942),
Sr. Citizen.
816, Diamond Avenue, Majitha Road,
Amritsar- 143001.

.....Appellant

Vs.

Sh. Iqbalpreet Singh Randhawa,
MTP-cum-Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Amritsar.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4212 of 2021.

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Sukhbir Singh Mahal, appellant, in person.
Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Building Inspector through video conference on behalf
of the respondents (7837920890).

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.03.2022.

2. The perusal of the file shows that in this case, application for information was filed on 10.5.2021 but after lapse of around one year, incomplete information is being supplied to the appellant. Also both the parties were directed to remain present on the next date of hearing along with the information supplied/original record to take the matter to its logical end. The appellant is present in person but none is present on behalf of the respondent- Public Information Officer-cum-MTP Sh. Iqbalpreet Singh Randhawa along with the original record. It is obvious that the respondent has no respect for the orders of the Commission to be present, either himself or through his representative. It is, thus apparent that there has been delay in providing the information. The appellant, who is a senior citizen & 70 years old, managed to reach Chandigarh from Amritsar by bus starting early in the morning whereas the respondent or his representative made no efforts to attend the hearing. It shows insensitivity and indifferent attitude on the part of the public authority. Appellant had also suffered financial loss in trying to get the information. There are systemic

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deficiencies in the manner of receiving and disposing of applications. The department still does not appear to be properly tuned to the performance of its obligations enshrined under the RTI Act.

5. I am, therefore, of the view that ends of justice would be met by awarding a sum of Rs. 25000/- (Rupees Twenty Five thousands only) by way of compensation to the Appellant.

This amount shall be payable from the State Exchequer before the next date of hearing failing which the case will be considered for the enhancement of compensation on the next date of hearing.

6. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application by the respondent casually, Sh. Iqbalpreet Singh Randhawa, MTP-cum-Public Information Officer, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on him for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may take a note that in case he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing along with the original record pertaining to the sought information.

7. To come up on 9.6.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

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Dated:25.4.2022

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Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
(By name)
Department of Local Government,
Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Commissioner, (By name)
Municipal Corporation,
District Amritsar.

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Sh. Dharam Pal Angrish, S/o Sh. Ram Sarup Angrish,
139/A, Model Town, Samrala Road, Khanna,
Distt. Ludhiana-141401.
(M: 9814941295).

.....Appellant

Vs.

Smt. Jaswinder Kaur,
Public Information Officer
O/o DEO (SE), Ludhiana.
8847687900

First Appellate Authority
O/o DEO (SE), Ludhiana.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 680 of 2022.

(Video Conference/Cisco Webex/Telephone Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Dharam Pal Angrish, appellant.
Sh. Rohan ASN School and none on behalf of the respondent-Public
Information Officer o/o the DEO(SE), District Ludhiana.

ORDER

The RTI Application is dated 05.07.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI Application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter called FAA) 13.08.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to parties for today.

2. The representative of the respondents submits that the appellant has sought the information pertaining to the pay fixation which has to be supplied by the DEO(SE), District Ludhiana. None is present on behalf of the respondent–Public Information Officer o/o the DEO(SE), District Ludhiana. Video Conference Facility was introduced for the convenience of general public and for government officials. Viewing the attitude in dealing with the RTI application of the respondent seriously, Smt. Jaswinder Kaur, Public Information Officer-cum-DEO (SE), Ludhiana, is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on her for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant

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and to show cause why a compensation under section 19(8) of the RTI Act, 2005, may not be paid to the appellant for causing willful delay/denial of the information for detriment suffered by him.

In addition to the written reply, the Public Information Officer is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. She may take a note that in case she does not file her written reply and does not avail herself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that she has nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

3. To come up on 9.6.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 25.4.2022

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