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Smt. KamaldeepKaur (9872139640)

W/o Sh. Ajaypal Singh

R/o Village and Post Office, Gumtala,

Opp. Govt. Dispensary,

District Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Vs.

Sh. Dharminder Singh,

Estate Officer,

Public Information Officer,

O/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

Sh. Hardeep Singh, 8968908811

Now S.D.M.

Kapurthala.

Ms DeepjotKaur, PCS

9464544117

Joint Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4058 of 2021.

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. DharminderSingh, Estate Officer, behalf of the respondents. 9646004303

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.7.2022.

2. The appellant has sent the written submissions in this case to adjourn the case after 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022, which are taken on record. Also, the respondent-Public Information Officer has sent the sought information through email, which is taken on record. Since the appellant is absent therefore, a copy of the same is being sent to her along with this order to go through the same and file the rejoinder, if any.

3. Also a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Dharminder Singh, Estate Officer-cum-PIO in this case but he has not filed any reply. One opportunity is granted to him to file the reply failing which the ex-parte decision will be taken on the next date of hearing, on merit.

4. To come up on 30.9.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Dated:25.7.2022

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
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w/o Sh. Ajaypal Singh  
r/o Village & Post Office Gumtala  
opp. Govt. dispensary, Amritsar.

.. appellant

Vs

Sh. Dharminder Singh, Estate Officer-cum-  
Public Information Officer  
o/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation  
Amritsar.

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

.Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4059 of 2021  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant  
Sh. Dharminder Singh, Estate Officer, on behalf of the respondents  
9646004303.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.7.2022.

2. The appellant has sent the written submissions in this case to adjourn the case after 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022, which are taken on record. Also, the respondent-Public Information Officer has sent the sought information through email, which is taken on record. Since the appellant is absent therefore, a copy of the same is being sent to her along with this order to go through the same and file the rejoinder, if any.

3. Also a show cause notice was issued to Sh. Dharminder Singh, Estate Officer-cum-PIO in this case tenders unconditional apology and requested to withdraw the penalty imposed upon him. In the interest of natural justice, he is allowed to send the written submissions, if any, for the consideration of the same.

4. To come up on 30.9.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.

Dated:25.7.2022

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Sh. Prabhjot Singh Gill, S/o ShJagjit Singh.

#329. VPO Doda Baja Patti,

Village Doda, Muktsar-152031. M 8146007472

RTI Application No 10861.

--appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o DGR, PB, Plot No. D-241,

Industrial Area, Phase-8B, Sector-74,

Mohali-160071

First Appellate Authority

O/o,DGR, PB, Plot No. D-241,

Industrial Area, Phase-8B, Sector-74, Mohali 160071

--Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2454 of 2022

Present: None on behalf the appellant.

Sh. Anwar, PIO on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.7.2022.

2. The appellant informed telephonically around 10.15 AM in the morning today i.e. 25.7.2022 that he will attend the hearing through cisco webex. No written submissions have been received from him concerning the information so supplied by the respondent.

3. After going through the RTI application of the appellant and the reply filed by the respondent, the case was fixed for hearing in person at Chandigarh to resolve the matter. Therefore, one more opportunity is granted to the appellant to remain present in person on the next date of hearing failing which ex-parte decision will be taken. It is also appropriate to mention that other cases of the appellant have also been fixed for hearing at Chandigarh on 17.8.2022.

3. To come up on 17.8.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated:25.7.2022

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Sh. Prabhjot Singh Gill, S/o ShJagjit Singh.

#329. VPO Doda Baja Patti,

Village Doda, Muktsar-152031. M 8146007472

RTI Application No 10859.

Application

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Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o DGR, PB, Plot No. D-241,

Industrial Area, Phase-8B, Sector-74,

Mohali-160071

First Appellate Authority

O/o DGR, PB, Plot No. D-241,

Industrial Area, Phase-8B, Sector-74, Mohali 160071

Respondents

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Appeal Case No. 2455 of 2022

Present: None on behalf the appellant.

Sh. Anwar, PIO on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.7.2022.

2. The appellant informed telephonically around 10.15 AM in the morning today i.e. 25.7.2022 that he will attend the hearing through cisco webex. No written submissions have been received from him concerning the information so supplied by the respondent.

3. After going through the RTI application of the appellant and the reply filed by the respondent, the case was fixed for hearing in person at Chandigarh to resolve the matter. Therefore, one more opportunity is granted to the appellant to remain present in person on the next date of hearing failing which ex-parte decision will be taken. It is also appropriate to mention that other cases of the appellant have also been fixed for hearing at Chandigarh on 17.8.2022.

3. To come up on 17.8.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated: 25.7.2022

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Sh. Prabhjot Singh Gill, S/o ShJagjit Singh.

#329. VPO Doda Baja Patti,

Village Doda, Muktsar-152031. M 8146007472

RTI Application No 10861.

--appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o DGR, PB, Plot No. D-241,

Industrial Area, Phase-8B, Sector-74,

Mohali-160071

First Appellate Authority

O/o DGR, PB, Plot No. D-241,

Industrial Area, Phase-8B, Sector-74, Mohali 160071

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2456 of 2022

Present: None on behalf the appellant.

Sh. Anwar, PIO on behalf of the respondents.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 15.7.2022.

2. The appellant informed telephonically around 10.15 AM in the morning today i.e. 25.7.2022 that he will attend the hearing through cisco webex. No written submissions have been received from him concerning the information so supplied by the respondent.

3. After going through the RTI application of the appellant and the reply filed by the respondent, the case was fixed for hearing in person at Chandigarh to resolve the matter. Therefore, one more opportunity is granted to the appellant to remain present in person on the next date of hearing failing which ex-parte decision will be taken. It is also appropriate to mention that other cases of the appellant have also been fixed for hearing at Chandigarh on 17.8.2022.

4. To come up on 17.8.2022 at 12.30 PM at Chandigarh.

Dated:25.7.2022

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Sh. Avinder Singh,  
S/o Sh. Jaswinder Singh,  
# 474 C, Phase 1, Focal Point,  
Urban Estate, Ludhiana-141010.  
M : 8427353696  
RTI Application No. 1690

..Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
O/o DGR, PB, Plot No. D-241,  
Industrial Area,  
Phase – 8B, Sector – 74,  
Mohali – 160071

First Appellate Authority  
O/o DGR, PB, Plot No. D-241,  
Industrial Area,  
Phase – 8B, Sector – 74,  
Mohali – 160071

Public Information Officer,  
Municipal Corporation  
Ludhiana.

....Respondent(s)

Appeal Case No. 1929/2022  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Avinder Singh, appellant  
Sh. AyushBhardwaj 7889101328 S.D.O. and Sh. Gurmail Singh, JE 8837709479  
on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 28.6.2022.

2. The respondent-Public Information Officer requested for the adjournment of the case to file up to date status of the complaint.
3. Accordingly, the request of the respondent is accepted and the case is adjourned.
4. To come up on 17.8.2022 at 12.30 PM at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Dated:25.7.2022

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.

Public Information Officer,  
B & R Wing,  
o/oMunicipal Corporation, Ludhiana

Commissioner (By name)  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

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Smt. Neena Gupta, W/o Sh. Sushil Kumar,  
# 1410, Phase-1, Urban Estate, Dugri,  
Ludhiana-141013.  
(M: 9855014101).

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer  
O/o Chief Minister, PB.,  
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o Chief Minister, PB.,  
Chandigarh.

Sh. Harjit Singh, Superintendent-cum-  
Public Information Officer  
o/o the Principal Secretary to Govt. of Pb.  
Department of Power  
(Power Branch),  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Chandigarh.

Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Dy. Secretary, RTI-cum-  
Public Information Officer,  
o/o Chairman-cum- Managing Director,  
Punjab State Power Corporation Limited,  
Patiala

Public Information Officer,  
o/o the Chief Electrical Inspector,  
Near G.G.S.S. School,  
Rajpura Colony, Patiala

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1497 of 2022  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Raj Kumar, Executive Engineer and Sh. Gurpreet Singh o/o Addl. S.E.,  
PSPCL Ludhiana M 9878671692 on behalf of the respondents.

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.6.2022.

2. The appellant sent the written submissions in this case, which are taken on record. However, the respondent submits that the matter relates to Chief Electrical Inspector, Punjab. Therefore, the office of Addl. S.E., PSPCL, Ludhiana is exempted from further appearance in this case. It is a fact on record that the appellant sought the information from the Chief Minister, Punjab and the said office informed that the application of the appellant

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has been sent to the Principal Secretary, Power. Also, the respondent-Public Information Officer present on behalf of the Principal Secretary, Power during the hearing dated 20.5.2022 requested for the adjournment of the case to file the submissions but no submissions have been received from him. It is also a fact on record that the PIO o/o the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, PSPCL was impleaded as necessary party in this case to file the reply/supply the information as per the submissions made by the respondent-PIO o/o the Principal Secretary Power but the said office transferred the RTI application of the appellant to the office of the Addl. S.E.PSPCL, Ludhiana and a specific reply has been received from the said office as mentioned herein.

3. 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. Harjit Singh, Supdt-cum- Public Information Officer o/o Principal Secretary Power and Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Dy. Secretary, RTI o/o Chairman-cum-Managing Director, PSPCL, are, 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 them 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 Officers are 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. They may take a note that in case they do not file their written reply and do not avail themselves of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date, it will be presumed that they have nothing to say and the Commission will proceed ex-parte.

4. After going through the facts of the case, also the PIO o/o the Chief Electrical Inspector, Near G.G.S.S. School, Rajpura Colony, Patiala is impleaded as necessary party in

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this case to file the reply/supply the information. Also the respondent parties are directed to remain present on the next date of hearing except the office of Addl. S.E., PSPCL, Ludhiana which is exempted as the reply has already been received from the said office.

5. To come up on 17.8.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala/Ludhaiana.

Dated:25.7.2022

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
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Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta M 9814924851

s/o Shri Desh Raj Gupta,

8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur 141101

Appellant

vs

Public Information Officer,

o/o Tehsildar, Mullanpur Dakhan,

Distt. Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,

o/o Sub Divisional Magistrate,

Ludhiana (West)

Distt. Ludhiana

Smt. Jabir Kaur

w/o Sher Singh s/o Dalbara Singh

r/o Village Pandhori,

Sub Tehsil Mullanpur,

Distt. Ludhiana.

District Revenue Officer

Sadar Kanoongo, Branch

Ludhiana

Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1324 of 2021  
(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta,  
Sh. Raman Kumar, Naib Tehsildar 9417052006 on behalf of the respondents.

## ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 23.6.2022.

2. The respondent-Public Information Officer submits that the information as available on record has already been supplied to the appellant in the public interest. He also submits that he has brought the original record concerning the sought information and the appellant can inspect the record and in case any information is identified by him the same will also be supplied. After the inspection of the record, the appellant submits that the directions may be issued to the respondent-Public Information Officer to supply a copy of Aadhar Card of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party involved in this case i.e. Smt. Jasbir Kaur.

3. Keeping in view the interest of natural justice and as per the Punjab RTI Rules, 2017, the 3<sup>rd</sup> party involved in this case, one opportunity is granted to Smt. Jasbir Kaur to file the submissions, if any, that why a copy of Aadhar card may not be supplied to the appellant failing which the decision will be taken on the next date of hearing ex-parte, on merit.

4. To come up on 17.8.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Dated: 25.7.2022

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Advocate Ravinder Kumar

H.No. 2, New Harbans Nagar

New Shiv Mandir

Jalandhar 144002 9417188119

..appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

o/o the Executive Officer,

Improvement Trust,

Ranjiv Avenue, Amritsar 143001

First Appellate Authority

o/o the Executive Officer,

Improvement Trust,

Ranjiv Avenue, Amritsar 143001

Sh. JiwanBansal,

P.I.O.-cum-Incharge Sales Branch,

o/o the Improvement Trust,

Ranjiv Avenue, Amritsar 143001.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3151 of 2020

(Video Conference Proceedings)

Present:- Sh. Ravinder Kumar, Advocate, appellant.  
Sh. Anurag Sharma, Sh. Ravinderjit Singh, EE 9988503377 and Sh.  
JiwanBansal, PIO \_\_\_\_\_ 9888812200 on behalf of the  
respondents

### ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.7.2022.

2. Sh. JiwanBansal, P.I.O.-cum-Incharge of Sales Branch submits that he is a concerned P.I.O. and Branch Incharge in this case and requested for the adjournment of the case to file the reply/supply the information as he has recently joined.

3. It is also a fact on record that Sh. JasbirSingh, JE requested for the adjournment of the case to provide the status of the application dated 12.12.2019 but today he is absent without intimation. 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. Jasbir Singh-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.

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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.

3. To come up on 17.8.2022 at 12.30 PM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar/Jalandhar.

Dated:25.7.2022

(Suresh Arora)  
Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.