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

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Superintendent, RTI (HQs.),
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2919 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) **Appellant- absent**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO, Tehbazari Branch, Zone-C, M.C.Ludhiana.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The Appellant has not come present to attend the hearing. However, Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, has sent written submissions by e.mail dated 25.04.2022 on behalf of the appellant. She states that no information has been supplied to the appellant so far even after a lapse of 21 months and the orders of the Hon'ble Bench have not been complied with. The written submissions of appellant are taken on record.
3. Neither the PIO/Shri Sanjeev Uppal, Superintendent, Tehbazari Branch, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana has come present in person or through cisco webex.
4. The Bench observes that during last hearing, he had sought additional time to comply with directions of the Bench, but neither the information has been supplied nor the penalty imposed has been deposited. The position still remains the same in spite of the fact that the Bench

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had expressed its displeasure on the statement made by the PIO, Tehbazari Branch during the previous hearing. Now, the Bench again directs him to comply with the directions of the Bench in totality and to produce the evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty imposed, before the next hearing. As directed during previous hearing, he is also directed to bring along Shri Amandeep Singh of his Branch to attend the hearing, bringing along the entire relevant record and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.04.2022**

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Shri Jasbir Singh
Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bolapur Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer
Superintendent, Society
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2912 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, Supdt./ PIO and Shri Gurbax Singh, Draftsman**
O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh, in person.

ORDER:

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. The appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex..
3. Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, Supdt./ PIO and Shri Gurbax Singh, O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh, come present to attend the hearing in person. The PIO states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 09.08.2021 in respect of R.T.A. Bathinda. However, she states that as informed by the Deemed PIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab, the PIO O/o SDM (East), Ludhiana has been repeatedly asked to supply information relating to their office, which has not been received from them so far.

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4. The appellant, on the asking of the Bench, admits the receipt of information from the PIO O/o R.T.A. Bathinda and further states that he had visited the office of SDM (East), Ludhiana in connection with the information sought by him. He has been informed to contact the office of S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh in this regard.

5. On enquiring from the PIO, she requests that the Deemed PIO Shri Gagan Pajni, Superintendent, Society be impleaded as Respondent No.2. Accordingly, Shri Gagan Pajni, Superintendent, Society, O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh is impleaded as Respondent No.2.

6. The Bench directs the Deemed PIO/Superintendent, Society, impleaded as Respondent No.2 as also the PIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab to ensure that the information is supplied to the appellant before the next hearing, as the information sought by the appellant is in the public interest. They are also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To **come up for hearing on 27.07.2022 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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Ms. Kadambini, Advocate

R/o #4125, Abohar Road,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Council,
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Secretary, Local Government, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9,
Chandigarh

Public Information Officer,

PIO O/o Director,
Local Government, Punjab,
Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

CC No.982/2021

Present:

- (i) **Ms. Kadambini, Complainant (cisco webex).**
- (ii) **Shri Vikram Dhuria, Superintendent, M.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib
on behalf of the PIO (cisco webex).**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office. The Complainant Ms. Kadambini comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Vikram Dhuria, Superintendent, M.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the PIO. He states that the complainant has sought information with regard to the action taken on a complaint made by her regarding the sterilization of A, B, C category dogs and the complainant has been sent reply vide letter dated 08.06.2021.
4. The complainant, on the asking of the Bench, states that she had filed RTI application dated 15.04.2021 to the PIO O/o Secretary, Local Government, Punjab, who had transferred this RTI application under Section 6(3) to the Director, Local Government, Punjab, who had further transferred this RTI application to the PIO O/o Executive Officer, M.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib.

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The PIO O/o M.C. Sri Muktsar Sahib has supplied information only on point No.6 of her RTI application regarding cancellation of tender notice. She further states that she had made a complaint with regard to the sterilisation programme of dogs (ABC) category in which she smacked of a big financial scam. However, the said information is not being divulged in spite of the fact that an enquiry has also been conducted in this matter.

5. Upon hearing the version of Ms. Kadambini, complainant, the Bench impleads the PIO O/o Secretary, Local Government, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh and the PIO O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh. They are directed to supply information to the complainant on all points raised by her and also ensure to come present in person before the Bench along with the relevant record, on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 01.06.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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26.04.2022

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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- 2) **PIO O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab, Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh.**

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Shri Sushil Kumar
H.No.1410, Phase-I,
Urban Estate, Dugri Road,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
Chief Engineer (Technical)/HRD,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
Patiala.

Public Information Officer
O/o Dy. Chief Engineer,
Distribution Circle Urban, West,
PSPCL, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer
O/o Dy. Chief Engineer/Enforcement,
PSPCL, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1617 of 2021

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent
- (ii) Shri Pal Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Joint Secretary, Technical-3, PSPCL, Patiala, in person.
- (iii) Shri Nitesh, SDO, Janta Nagar Division, PSPCL, Ludhiana, in person.
- (iv) Shri Amarinder Singh, XEN, Enforcement, PSPCL, Ludhiana, through cisco webex.

ORDER

(Heard in person/through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.11..2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Sushil Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. Instead of complying with the directions of the Bench to appear in person for today's hearing, he has chosen to absent himself and has sent an e.mail dated 22.04.2022 stating that till date, he has not received the correct information sought by him nor he has received the affidavit. He also makes a request therein not to close the case without his consent, failing which, he will approach Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, President of India and Chief Minister, Punjab.
3. Shri Pal Singh, Senior Assistant comes present to attend the hearing in person on behalf of the PIO O/o Joint Secretary, Technical-3, PSPCL, Patiala. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant and as per directions of the Bench, original affidavit dated 25.01.2022 has also been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 25.01.2022.

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4. Shri Amarinder Singh, Executive Engineer, Enforcement-cum-AE & MTS-3, PSPCL, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that affidavit dated 09.12.2021 has been filed. Shri Nitesh, SDO, Janta Nagar Division, PSPCL, Ludhiana comes present in person before the Bench. He produces before the Bench an affidavit dated 09.12.2021 sworn in by the PIO /Dy. Chief Engineer/Enforcement, Ludhiana, but no affidavit on PIO Dy. Chief Engineer, Distribution Circle Urban, West, PSPCL, Ludhiana has been produced.

5. The Bench observes that Shri Jatinder Mohan Bhandari, SDO and Shri Nazar Singh, Stenographer, Janta Nagar Division, PSPCL, Ludhiana had come present in person on the previous hearing and had stated that the appellant has been informed regarding information on point No.2 that the same is not traceable and affidavit was also given to the appellant but he refused to accept the same. The representative of the PIO had also stated that regarding Point No.5, record is not traceable.

6. The Bench now directs the PIO O/o Deputy Chief Engineer, Operation (City West), PSPCL, Ludhiana to file an affidavit on a non-judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public stating therein the information sought has been supplied to the appellant except point No.2 & 5 relating to them, mentioning in detail that official record relating to point No.2 & 5 is not traceable in their offices. The original affidavit along with its photocopy be brought along by the respective PIOs and produced before the Bench on the next hearing. The PIOs O/o Dy. Chief Engineer, Technical-3, PSPCL Patiala and PIO O/o Dy. Chief Engineer, Enforcement, Ludhiana are also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.07.2022 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 R.C. Tandon,
146, 146m Urban Estate,
PO Chachoki, Phagwara,
District Kapurthala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Jalandhar Development Authority
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Estate Officer
Jalandhar Development Authority
Jalandhar.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Estate Officer,
Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No.1522 of 2021

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Pawan Kumar, SDO, Public Health, Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar, PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.08.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri R.C. Tandon has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex .
3. Shri Pawan Kumar, SDO Public Health, O/o J.D.A. Jalandhar comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that the appellant has been supplied information and an affidavit has also been sent by registered post as also by e.mail to the Commission on 22.04.2022.
4. The Bench observes that the affidavit is not available in the case file and it may be in transit. The Bench further observes that during previous hearing, the APIO (Shri Swarna Ram, Superintendent), O/o Estate Officer, J.D.A. Jalandhar was directed to supply information to the appellant regarding point No.3 before next hearing as also to bring along the entire relevant record

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and produce the same before the Bench. He was also directed to file an affidavit on non judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.1522 of 2021 has been supplied to the appellant. But he has failed to come present in person. He is again directed to comply with the directions of the Bench in totality.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 01.06.2022 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 Swarna Ram, Superintendent),
O/o Estate Officer,
Jalandhar Development Authority,
Jalandhar

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Shri Tejinder Singh
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur-144410
District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Grater Ludhiana Area Development
Authority(GLADA), Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1453 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, Appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Tejinder Singh comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex and states that he had pointed out deficiencies to the PIO but the same have not been addressed so far.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing in person or through Cisco Webex.
4. The Bench observes that in spite of directions of the Bench, neither the PIO has come present along with the relevant record before the Bench nor he has supplied rectified information to the appellant by removing the deficiencies pointed out nor the PIO has filed reply to the show cause notice. The Bench observes that the RTI matters are not taken seriously and rather casual approach is adopted due to which the directions of the Bench remain un-complied with.
5. The PIO O/o Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority, Ludhiana is again directed to comply with the directions of the Bench meticulously and bring along all the case related documents and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench.

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AC No.1453/2021

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.07.2022 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 Jasbir Singh
Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bolapur Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana-141123

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Chief Administrator,
Grater Ludhiana Area Development
Authority (GLADA), Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

AC No.3466 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has not been supplied any information so far.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing in person or through Cisco Webex.
4. The Bench observes that in spite of directions of the Bench, the PIO has not come present along with the relevant record before the Bench. The Bench observes that the RTI matters are not taken seriously and rather casual approach is adopted due to which the directions of the Bench remain un-complied with. Reply to the show cause notice issued earlier has also not been filed.

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5. The PIO O/o Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority, Ludhiana is again directed to comply with the directions of the Bench meticulously and bring along all the case related documents and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.07.2022 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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Greater Ludhiana Area Development
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Shri Darshan Singh
S/o Shri Gurcharan Singh
R/o Near Airtel Tower,
VPO Toosa, Tehsil Raikot,
District Ludhiana-141105.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Sub Divisional Officer,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
(PSPCL), Sudhar, Teshil Raikot,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Executive Engineer
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
(PSPCL), Dakha, Distt. Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3452 of 2021

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Darshan Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing. However, Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who attended the last hearing on behalf of the appellant, has sent an e.mail dated 26.04.2022 stating that the PIO has supplied certain information which is not related to the RTI Application.
3. Neither the PIO O/o SDO, PSPCL, Sudhar, District Ludhiana has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex. It has also not been apprised as to whether the appellant was called for inspection of records nor the complete information has been supplied. The Bench observes that the directions of the Bench remain still un-complied with.
4. The PIO O/o SDO, Sub Division, PSPCL, Sudhar, Tehsil Raikot, District Ludhiana is again directed to comply with the directions of the Bench meticulously and bring along all the case related documents and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench.



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AC No.3452/2021

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.07.2022 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 Darshan Singh
S/o Shri Gurcharan Singh
R/o Near Airtel Tower,
VPO Toosa, Tehsil Raikot,
District Ludhiana-141105.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Engineer,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
(PSPCL), Division Dakha, Mullanpur Dakha ,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer, Central Zone,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
(PSPCL), Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3451 of 2021

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Shri Darshan Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing. However, Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, who attended the last hearing on behalf of the appellant, has sent an e.mail dated 26.04.2022 stating that the PIO has supplied certain information which is not related to the RTI Application.

3. Neither the PIO O/o Executive Engineer, PSPCL, Division Dakha, Mullanpur Dakha, District Ludhiana has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex. It has also not been apprised as to whether the appellant was called for inspection of records nor the complete information has been supplied. The Bench observes that the directions of the Bench remain still un-complied with.

4. The PIO O/o SDO, Sub Division, PSPCL, Sudhar, Tehsil Raikot, District Ludhiana is again directed to supply comply with the directions of the Bench meticulously and bring along all the case related documents and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench.

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AC No.3451/2021

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.04.2022**

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Shri Himanshu Raj, Advocate
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Chandigarh.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Grater Ludhiana Area Development
Authority (GLADA), Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3447 of 2021

Present: (i) **Smt. Sapna Randhawa, on behalf of the Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.11.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Smt. Sapna Randhawa comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of the appellant. She states that information has not been provided to the appellant yet.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor has he deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing in person before the Bench.
4. The Bench observes that in spite of directions of the Bench, neither the PIO has supplied information to the appellant nor he has come present in person along with the relevant record before the Bench. The Bench observes that the RTI matters are not taken seriously and rather casual approach is adopted due to which the directions of the Bench remain un-complied with. Reply to the show cause notice issued earlier has also not been filed.
5. The PIO O/o Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority, Ludhiana is again directed to comply with the directions of the Bench meticulously and bring along all the case related documents and produce the same before the Bench on the next hearing as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench.

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6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.04.2022**

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Shri H.S. Brar,
#3132, Sector-27D,
Chandigarh.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Nodal Officer, RTI Cell,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.,
Patiala.

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

...Respondents

AC No.657/2022

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **Shri Harmanjit Singh, Superintendent, and Smt. Paramjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, Gazetted-3 Branch, O/o Joint Secretary, Services-3,PSPCL, Patiala, on behalf of PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 19.09.2021 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 24.12.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri H.S. Brar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.

3. Shri Harmanjit Singh, Superintendent, and Smt. Paramjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, Gazetted-3 Branch, O/o Joint Secretary, Services-3,PSPCL, Patiala, come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing on behalf of PIO. Shri Harmanjit Singh states that a letter was received from Chief Engineer, U.T. Chandigarh informing that seven persons including the appellant and one Er. V.K. Mahindroo of PSPCL are involved in a criminal case. After registration of case, they were convicted by the CBI Court and awarded ten years' imprisonment which is still under appeal. As per decision of BOD, 50% cut has been imposed on the pension of the appellant, though he has been released the amount of DCRG and Leave Encashment. He further states that the

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appellant has been supplied information point wise vide letter dated 21.01.2022, but he is not satisfied with the reply on point no. (d) & (e) of his RTI Application.

4. The appellant is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he states that due to ill health, he could not attend the hearing and states that he has not been given satisfactory information regarding points (d) and (e) of his RTI application. Then he is apprised of the version of the representative of PIO. He is also apprised that the information as available in the records has been supplied to him and now, the PIO is being directed to file an affidavit to this effect. He agrees with the same.

5. The PIO is now directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, within twenty one days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.657/2022 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.04.2022**

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District Mohali-140507.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Asstt. Executive Engineer(Operations),
Sub Division,Punjab State Power
Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL),Patiala.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer, DS (South)
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
(PSPCL), Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.658/2022

Present: (i) **Shri Rabinder Singh, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 12.06.2021 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 (dated nil) and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.04.2022 through cisco webex. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Rabinder Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has not received any information.

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

4. On perusal of the case file, the Bench finds that the notice sent to the PIO has been received undelivered with the remarks of postal authorities "insufficient address". The appellant is apprised of it. He, however, states that he may be given copy of the notice and he will ensure its delivery by hand to the PIO concerned.

5. The correct address be mentioned in the orders and copy of notice along with related documents be handed over to the appellant as requested by him.

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6. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 01.06.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.04.2022**

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Shri Hakam Singh
S/o Shri Darshan Singh
R/o Village Madhir,
Tehsil Gidderbaha,
District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Addl.Dy.Commissioner(Development)
Sri Muktsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director,
Panchayat Department,
Ferozepur.

...Respondents

AC No.668/2022

Present:

- (i) Appellant- absent.
- (ii) Shri Malkiat Singh, Steno O/o Dy.Director, Panchayat, Ferozepur,
- (iii) Smt. Satinderpal Kaur, Superintendent, O/o BDPO Lambi, in person.
District Sri Muktsar Sahib on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

(Heard in person /through cisco webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 23.10.2021 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 18.12.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 03.02.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.04.2022 in Commission's office at Chandigarh. As such, the case has been heard today. Shri Hakam Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. Shri Malkiat Singh, Steno, O/o Deputy Director, Panchayats, Ferozepur and Smt. Satinderpal Kaur, Superintendent, O/o BDPO Lambi, District Sri Muktsar Sahib come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench on behalf of the PIO. Smt. Satinderpal Kaur states that the information sought by the appellant relates to 665 Gram Panchayats in all the Blocks of District Sri Muktsar Sahib and is quite voluminous as it will run into approximately 2100 pages and the same has been sought for 10 years which involves collection and compilation of the same from different PIOs of the Gram Panchayats as sought vide RTI application.
4. Post deliberations and perusal of the RTI application as well as the letters available in the case file, the Bench observes that letter dated 21.03.2022 has been addressed by the Addl. D.C. (Dev.)-cum-Addl. District Programme Coordinator, MGNREGA, Sri Muktsar Sahib to BDPO-cum-Programme Officer (MGNREGA), Sri Muktsar Sahib, Lambi, Malout and Gidderbaha. A letter dated 04.04..2022 has been sent by PIO O/o BDPO Lambi to all the PIOs-cum-Panchayat

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Secretaries/VDOs in Block Lambi asking them to supply related information to the office Superintendent. The Bench also observes from the perusal of RTI application and the version of the representative of PIO that the information sought by the appellant relates to different issues and thus, a number of PIOs are involved in the same and it entails collection, collating and compilation of information.

5. The Bench, as per observations made above, is of the view that the appellant cannot seek information on single RTI application from multiple public authorities. A Full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab has in Complaint Case No.2903 of 2011 decided on 13.01.2012, ruled as under:-

“We hold that under Section (3) of the Act *ibid*, the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that hold the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer the request to multiple authorities.

6. The Bench further observes that the PIO O/o BDPO, Gidderbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib has made efforts to supply information to the appellant by forwarding RTI application to different PIOs/VDOs of Gram Panchayats in Block Gidderbaha vide letter dated 06.01.2021 but the information asked for by the appellant has to be collected, collated and compiled, thereby resulting in wastage of time of multiple PIOs involved. The Hon’ble Supreme Court in matter of CBSE vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay, (2011) 8 SCC 497, held as under:-

“67. Indiscriminate and impractical demands or directions under the RTI Act for disclosure of all and sundry information (unrelated to transparency and accountability in the functioning of public authorities and eradication of corruption) would be counterproductive as it will adversely affect the efficiency of the administration and result in the executive getting bogged down with the non-productive work of collecting and furnishing information. The Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration, or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing “information furnishing”, at the cost of their normal and regular duties.

7. In view of the above, it does not seem to be appropriate for the appellant to seek information which may entail engaging 75% of the employees of a public authority to collect and compile the information for furnishing the same to the appellant. The Bench advises the appellant to go for seeking information by filing separate RTI application before a specific public authority who has its separate PIO.

8. In view of the aforesaid observations, **the instant appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Chandigarh
26.04.2022

(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma(Retd))
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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development &
Panchayat Officer, Attari,
District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o District Development &
Panchayat Officer,
Amritsar..

....Respondents

AC No.3628/2021 & AC No.3629/2021

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **None on behalf of O/o BDPO Attari, District Amritsar.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Lakhwinder Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person or through cisco webex.
3. The PIO O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Attari, District Amritsar has also not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex .
4. The Bench observes that the PIO was absent during the previous hearing also and as such, show cause notice was issued. However, neither the PIO has supplied information nor he has filed reply to the show cause notice. He is again directed to supply information to the appellant and file reply to the show cause notice. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.04.2022**

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