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

...Appellant

Vs

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1148 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) **Appellant- appellant**
(ii) **Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector O/o Municipal Corporation,**
Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing/On Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.08.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector comes present on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 03.09.2020.
4. Since the appellant is absent, the representative of the appellant Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, is contacted on mobile phone. She is apprised of the version of the representative of PIO regarding supply of information. She states that incomplete information has been supplied to the appellant and the appellant has also not been called to office to inspect and identify the information.
5. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that the directions given by the Bench have not been complied with by the PIO, as on the previous hearing, the PIO was directed to call the appellant to his office to identify the information on inspection of record. Further, no reply to the show cause notice has been filed. PIO Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is again directed

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to call the appellant to his office and allow the appellant access to the record so as to enable the appellant to identify the record and provide him the information as may be identified by the appellant. After providing complete information to the appellant, an affidavit, as directed on the previous hearing, be filed before the next hearing. PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.10.2020**

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

...Appellant

Vs

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1181 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) Shri Gurmej Lal, on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order 31.08.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. The appellant has authorized Shri Gurmej Lal to appear on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant states that till date, neither the appellant has been called for inspection of records nor any information has been supplied..
4. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant and an affidavit has also been filed.
5. Post deliberations, the representative of the appellant denies having received any information. The Bench observes that until complete information is supplied, the affidavit filed is of no consequence and as such, the same is not accepted. PIO is directed to first ensure supply of complete information to the appellant and only then, the affidavit be filed.

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6. The PIO is now directed to ensure supply of complete information as also file an affidavit, before the next hearing, as per directions given on the previous hearing. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. The PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued on the previous hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Ludhiana.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1182 of 2020

- PRESENT :**
- (i) Shri Gurmej Lal, on behalf of the appellant.
 - (ii) Shri Sunil Kumar, ATP (HQ), Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana
 - (iii) Shri Satish Kumar, ATP/PIO Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana
 - (iv) Shri Navneet Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-B, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana
 - (v) Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman, Zone-D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order 31.08.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. The appellant has authorized Shri Gurmej Lal to appear on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant states that till date, neither the appellant has been called for inspection of records nor any information has been supplied.
4. Shri Sunil Kumar, ATP(HQ) attends the hearing on behalf of the Nodal Officer, RTI, Municipal Corporation. He states that as reported by APIO Zone-A, the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 19.10.2020. Shri Satish Kumar, ATP/PIO, Zone-C states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 14.01.2020. Shri Navneet Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-B states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 21.10.2020. Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman, Zone-D states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letters dated 10.02.2020, 29.07.2020 and 28.09.2020.

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AC No.1182/2020

5. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of the appellant states that the information has been received by the appellant only from PIO of Zone-D and no information from any other Zone has been received. The Bench directs the PIOs of Zone-A, Zone-B and Zone-C to supply information to the appellant by hand/through registered post before next hearing.

6. The PIOs of Zone-A, Zone-B & Zone-C are further directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, 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.1182/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement made is correct and authentic. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission.

7. The PIOs of Zone-A, Zone-B & Zone-C of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana are also directed to attend the next hearing through V.C. The PIO Zone-D is, however, exempted from hearing.

8. The reply to the show cause notice has been received, examined by the Bench and has been accepted. The show cause notice, thus, stands dropped.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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P.O:Daba, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Vs

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Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1184 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant.
(ii) Shri Satish Kumar, ATP/PIO Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order 31.08.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. The appellant Shri Gurmej Lal comes present to attend the hearing. The appellant states that partial information has been provided to him.
4. Shri Satish Kumar, ATP/PIO comes present to attend the hearing. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letters dated 13.08.2020 and 19.10.2020.
5. Post deliberations, the appellant states that he has not been supplied copy of complaint, findings report and the action taken report. PIO is directed to supply the complete information to the appellant and also address observations as pointed out by him. The PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued on the previous hearing.
6. The PIO is further directed to file an affidavit before the next hearing, as per directions given on the previous hearing. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

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AC No.1184/2020

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Ludhiana.

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1178 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant.
(ii) Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector-cum-APIO, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.08.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing..
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. The appellant Shri Gurmej Lal, comes present to attend the hearing. He states that he has not been provided any information so far.
4. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector-cum-APIO comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He reiterates what was stated during the previous hearing.
5. The Bench, on perusing the case file observes that during the previous hearing, PIO Establishment Branch was impleaded as respondent and directed to supply information on points No.1 & 3. But the PIO, Establishment Branch has not come present to attend the hearing. The Bench further observes that the PIO of Zone A and PIO Establishment Branch were directed to call the appellant to office to allow him access to the official records to enable him to identify the information he requires. But the directions of the Bench have not been complied with. The PIO Zone-A has also not filed reply to the show cause notice.

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AC No.1178/2020

6. The PIO O/o Establishment Branch, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana 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 non-supply of information to the appellant and for not complying with the directions of the Commission. 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.

7. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

8. The PIO, Municipal Corporation Zone-A as also the PIO, Establishment Branch are directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day. The appellant will be allowed access to the official records of Zone-A and Establishment Branch. The PIO Zone-A will coordinate with the PIO Establishment Branch to allow access to the appellant to the official records to identify the information. He will ensure that entire information is provided to the appellant.

9. The PIOs of Zone-A and PIO Establishment Branch are also directed to file an affidavit, before next hearing, signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public, as per directions given on the previous hearing Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record. They are also directed to call the appellant for inspection of records and identify the information and to provide the same to the appellant.

10. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned partis.

**Chandigarh
26.10.2020
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Shri Kamaljit Singh,
395-L. Model Town,
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Vs

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Municipal Corporation, Zone-C
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer
Sub Divisional Officer
O&M Cell Zone-C,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Govt., Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1185 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) Shri Kamaljit Singh, the appellant.
(ii) Shri Satish Kumar, PIO, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and
Shri Vivek Verma, Superintendent, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 31.08.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. The appellant Sh.Kamaljit Singh comes present to attend the hearing and states that certain information has been received by him and he has pointed out certain deficiencies which have not been addressed so far by the PIO.
4. Shri Satish Kumar, PIO and Shri Vivek Verma, Superintendent, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana come present to attend the hearing. Shri Satish Kumar, PIO states that the appellant has been given information and an affidavit dated 27.08.2020 has also been filed as per directions of the Bench.
5. The Bench observes that in view of the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant, the filing of affidavit is meaningless as the same has to be filed after supplying complete information, whereas the appellant states to have received only partial information. The affidavit is thus not accepted.

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AC No.1185/2020

6. On the asking of the Bench, Shri Satish Kumar and Shri Vivek Verma states before the Bench that information regarding water and sewerage has to be supplied by the SDO, O&M Cell, Zone-C. The PIO/ Sub Divisional Officer, O&M Cell, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is impleaded as respondent. He is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the official records to enable him to identify the information as required by him. Photocopy of information so identified be provided to the appellant.

7. The PIOs concerned, after supply of information, are directed to file an affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the information in AC No.1185/2020 as available in official records has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The statement is correct and authentic. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2322 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) Appellant.- absent
(ii) Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing/On Mobile Phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 06.01.2020 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 14.02.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.10.2020 by the Commission through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C.
3. Shri Jagjit Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. He has, however, sent letter dated 22.10.2020 requesting for hearing him through Cisco Webex.
4. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana attends the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that he had spoken to the appellant on phone and informed him that information sought by him will be handed over during the hearing, as such, has brought with him the information for handing over the same to the appellant, but the appellant is absent.
5. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on mobile phone and is apprised of the version of representative of the PIO. The appellant denies to have talked to the representative of PIO on phone.

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AC No.2322/2020

6. Post deliberations with the appellant and the representative of PIO, the Bench directs the PIO to send the information to the appellant by registered post.

7. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the information in AC No.2322/2020 as available in official records has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The statement is correct and authentic. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2328 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) Appellant.- absent
(ii) Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing/On Mobile Phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 22.05.2020 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 23.06.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.10.2020 by the Commission through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C.
3. Shri Jagjit Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. He has, however, sent letter dated 22.10.2020 requesting for hearing him through Cisco Webex.
4. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana attends the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that he had spoken to the appellant on phone and informed him that information sought by him will be handed over during the hearing, as such, has brought with him the information for handing over the same to the appellant, but the appellant is absent.
5. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on mobile phone and is apprised of the version of representative of the PIO. The appellant denies to have talked to the representative of PIO on phone.

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AC No.2328/2020

6. Post deliberations with the appellant and the representative of PIO, the Bench directs the PIO to send the information to the appellant by registered post.

7. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the information in AC No.2328/2020 as available in official records has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The statement is correct and authentic. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Ludhiana.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2329 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) Appellant.- absent
(ii) Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing/On Mobile Phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 29.01.2020 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 12.03.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.10.2020 by the Commission through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C.
3. Shri Jagjit Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. He has, however, sent letter dated 22.10.2020 requesting for hearing him through Cisco Webex.
4. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-A, M.C. Ludhiana attends the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that he had spoken to the appellant on phone and informed him that information sought by him will be handed over during the hearing, as such, has brought with him the information for handing over the same to the appellant, but the appellant is absent.
5. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on mobile phone and is apprised of the version of representative of the PIO. The appellant denies to have talked to the representative of PIO on phone.

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AC No.2329/2020

6. Post deliberations with the appellant and the representative of PIO, the Bench directs the PIO to send the information to the appellant by registered post.

7. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the information in AC No.2329/2020 as available in official records has been provided to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. The statement is correct and authentic. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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District Pathankot.

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Public information Officer
O/o Divisional Forest Officer,
Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Pathankot.

....Respondents

AC No.2224 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh, Appellant**
(ii) **Shri Arvind Parkash, Tehsildar/PIO, Dhar Kalan, District Pathankot,**

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. The RTI application is dated 26.10..2020 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 02.06.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.08.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 26.10.2020 by the Commission through V.C. in D.C. Office, Pathankot. Accordingly, the case has been heard today through V.C.
3. Shri Amarjit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that his RTI application is dated 26.10.2019 and First Appeal is dated 02.06.2020 and even after a period of one year, no information has been supplied to him.
4. Shri Arvind Parkash, Tehsildar/PIO, Dhar Kalan, District Pathankot comes present to attend the hearing. He states that the information on Point No.1 & 2 of RTI application relates to the Forest Department, Pathankot and intimation to this effect was given to the appellant vide letter dated

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19.11.2019. He further states that regarding information on Points No.3 & 4, copy of RTI application has been sent to BDPO Dhar Kalan vide letter dated 08.06.2020. The PIO states that the PIO/Divisional Forest Officer, Pathankot vide his letter dated 23.06.2020 has informed that information comprises 327 pages for which the appellant be asked to deposit Rs.654/- and same has been intimated to the appellant vide letter dated 18.09.2020. He further states that the B.D.P.O. Dhar Kalan has also sent reply regarding point No.3 vide letter dated 03.07.2020 directly to the appellant and intimated to their office. It has been reported by the PIO that vide letter 15.10.2020, the appellant has again been asked to deposit Rs.654/- which have not been deposited by the appellant so far. The appellant denies having received any intimation/ letters/ information from the PIO whatsoever.

5. Post deliberations with the PIO and appellant, the Bench directs the PIO to again send information on points No.3 & 4 to the appellant free of cost. As regards points No.1 & 2, the PIO/Divisional Forest Officer, Pathankot is impleaded as respondent. He is directed to supply information relating to Forest Department free of cost and also attend the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in DC Office, Pathankot.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
26.10.2020**

Sd/-
**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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**PIO O/o Divisional Forest Officer,
Pathankot.**