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Shri Lajpat Rai S/o Shri Harbans Lal, House No.B-3/287, Romana Street, Jaito, District Faridkot. AND PSIC

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,Mohali.

First Appellate Authority O/o Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab,Mohali.

....Respondents

AC No.4173 of 2019

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 27.12.2021 passed by the Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The appeal case was scheduled for hearing today in Commission's office at Chandigarh at 02.00 PM. However, the undersigned received a telephonic message from the associate State Information Commissioner in the Double Bench Shri Maninder Singh Patti at about 11.45 AM that due to ill health, he will not be able to be associated with the Double Bench to hear the aforesaid appeal case and as such, he has requested that the hearing in the instant appeal case be adjourned to another date.

3. Immediately thereafter, an effort was made to apprise the appellant and the PIO of the above position in the hearing of the case. The staff of the Bench of undersigned tried to contact the appellant as well as the PIO/the representatives of the PIO, but none could be contacted in spite of repeated attempts.

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4. In the meantime, Shri Lajpat Rai, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person in Commission's office at 01.30 PM. He is apprised of the position in the case for today's hearing, after which he submits a letter dated 27.12.2021 stating his grievance for having travelled a long distance to attend the hearing as also for not having been supplied the information.

5. Also thereafter, Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Inspector, O/o Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, Mohali comes present along with Shri Krishan Lal, Superintendent to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. She is informed by the staff of the Bench of undersigned regarding the position as it emerged as stated above. She produces a letter dated 16.12.2021 giving reply to the show cause notice issued to the PIO, which is taken on record. It has also been stated by the PIO that on the basis of enquiry report of Vigilance Enquiry No.07 dated 07.08.2020, FIR No.12 dated 18.10.2021 has been registered with Vigilance Bureau, Ferozepur and investigation is in process and that at present, copy of FIR can be provided to the appellant.

6. In view of the position and the constraint explained, the hearing of the appeal case was not possible as scheduled vide order dated 05.10.2021 and thus, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.03.2022 at 02.00 PM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh**. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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

Chandigarh 27.12.2021

CC: Ld. State Information Commissioner, Shri Maninder Singh Patti- for information please with reference to the telephonic conversation of date.

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