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Smt. Daljit Kaur, W/o Late Sh. Baldev Singh,
Buttar Dhulkot Road, Dashmesh Nagar,
Ahmedgarh, Distt: Sangrur.

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Ahmedgarh,
Distt: Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Deputy Director,
Deptt of Local Bodies, Patiala.

...Respondent

AC.No. 4077 of 2019

AC. No.4078 of 2019

Alongwith

AC.No.4079 of 2019

PRESENT : (i) Sh. Jugneet Singh Bhuttar and Sh. Sukhdeep Singh Bhuttar on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) None is present on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.12.2019.
2. The representatives of the appellant state that as per directions of the Commission during the last hearing, they visited the office of the respondent i.e Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Ahmedgarh on 13.01.2020 for perusal of the original records and obtaining hard copy of certain specific documents. The Section Officer heard them at length but documents requested for by them were not given. They have sent a registered letter dated 16.01.2020 to the PIO that information which has been pointed out by them has not been provided.
3. The PIO is absent for today's hearing in spite of the directions of the Commission. He was also not present during the previous hearing. This shows his disregard to the authority of the Commission. Such a lackadaisical attitude on the part of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Ahmedgarh, Distt: Sangrur is issued a show cause notice to explain as to why action should not be taken against him for not attending the hearings in the Commission and why penalty @250/- per day should not be imposed

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upon him for not complying with the orders of the Commission dated 18.12.2019. The PIO is 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 not getting the information.

6. 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 his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. The PIO is also directed to remove the short-comings pointed out by the appellant vide registered letter dated 16.01.2020. The Bench directed the PIO that the same be done, within seven days.

7. The matter is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **26.02.2020 at 11.30 AM**.
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
28.01.2020**

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

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Sh. Pardeep Bhatia,
406, Partap Gill, Partap Bazar,
Amritsar.

...Appellant

Vs

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

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

.....Respondent

AC.No. 4097 of 2019

PRESENT : None of the parties.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2019.
2. Today, neither the appellant nor the PIO or anybody on his behalf has appeared before the Commission to attend the hearing. Both the parties were also absent during the previous hearing.
3. The PIO is again absent for today's hearing inspite of the directions of the Commission shows his disregard to the authority of the Commission. Such a lackadaisical attitude on the part of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. In view of the foregoing, **PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar** is directed to show cause why action should not be taken against him for not attending the hearings inspite of order of the Commission. He should file a written reply in response to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in not getting the information. 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 his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

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5. Last opportunity is now being given to the appellant to follow up the case before the Commission by appearing in person, failing which decision be will taken in his absentia based on documents available on file.

6. The matter is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **26.02.2020 at 11.30 AM**.
Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
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Regd. Post

CC:Public Information Officer O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar (By name)

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Sh.Mangal Singh Gill, S/o Sh.Shingara Singh,
Suba President, Handicap welfare Union,
VPO: Guruwali, Bhinder Colony, Tarn Taran Road,
Amritsar.

...Appellant

Vs

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

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

...Respondent

AC.No. 4095 of 2019

PRESENT : None of the parties.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2019.
2. Today, neither the appellant nor the PIO or anybody on his behalf has appeared before the Commission to attend the hearing. Both the parties were also absent during the previous hearing.
3. After contacted with the appellant on telephone, he has informed the Commission that information in this appeal case has been received from the respondent with which he is satisfied and wants to close the case.
4. In view of the above, no further cause of action is called for in the instant Appeal Case. The same is hereby, **disposed off and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Charankamal Singh,
H.No.246/A, New Shampura Colony,
Near Shahnai Palace, Village: Shampura,
Tehsil & Distt: Roopnagar.

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Roopnagar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Roopnagar.

.....Respondent

AC.No. 4120 of 2019

PRESENT : (i) Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Smt. Harbhupinder Kaur, Deputy District Education Officer (SE), Roopnagar-cum-PIO, the respondent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2020.
2. The appellant is absent. He has authorized Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate to appear on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant states that till date, no information has been provided to him by the PIO.
3. Smt. Harbhupinder Kaur, Deputy District Education Officer (SE), Roopnagar-cum-PIO is appearing in person states that complete information (comprising eight pages) as per the official records of the department has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 16.10.2019 by registered post and once again on 17.12.2019 by registered post, as per the directions of the Commission, during the last hearing.
4. The representative of the appellant however, insisted that no information has been received by the appellant till date. Copy of the information (comprising eight pages) duly attested by the PIO was again handed over to the representative of the appellant during the hearing. After going through the information provided, the representative of the appellant expressed his satisfaction over the same.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the instant Appeal Case. The same is hereby, **disposed off and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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Ms. Harleen Kaur,
H.No.246/A, New Shampura Colony,
Near Shahnai Palace, Village: Shampura,
Tehsil & Distt: Roopnagar.

...Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Roopnagar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o District Education Officer (SE),
Roopnagar.

.....Respondent

AC.No. 4119 of 2019

PRESENT : (i) Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Smt. Harbhupinder Kaur, Deputy District Education Officer (SE), Roopnagar-cum-PIO, the respondent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 16.12.2020.
2. The appellant is absent. She has authorized Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate to appear on her behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant states that till date, no information has been provided to the appellant by the PIO.
3. Smt. Harbhupinder Kaur, Deputy District Education Officer (SE), Roopnagar-cum-PIO is appearing in person states that as per the directions of the Commission, during the last hearing, complete information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 24.12.2019 by registered post. Copy of the same is taken on record.
4. The representative of the appellant on perusal of letter dated 24.12.2019 states that the same has been received by the appellant and she is satisfied with the information provided.
5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the instant Appeal Case. The same is hereby, **disposed off and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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