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Shri Kulwinder Singh, S/o Shri Surjit Singh,
R/o H. NO.162, Near Khakh Patti, Gurudwara,
Gobindgarh, P.O:Jugiana, Distt:Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o SDO,
PSPCL, Sahnewal, Distt:Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Engineer in Chief/DS,
Central, PSPCL, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.784 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia on behalf of the appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Kulwinder Singh, Additional S.E, the respondent.**

order

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 20.12.2020 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 05.01.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.02.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today, dated 30.06.2021 through Cisco Webex. The appellant has authorized Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia to attend the hearing on his behalf. The representative of the appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that partial information has been provided to the appellant by the respondent and lot of gaps are existing in the information given.

3. Shri Kulwinder Singh, Additional S.E comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that information was sent to the appellant by hand on 19.02.2021 but the appellant refused to accept the same. Again the same has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 24.02.2021 by registered post.

4. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office before the next hearing, on any working day by tying up with him. The appellant will inspect the relevant official records and identify the information he needs. The PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant so identified by him before next hearing. The PIO is 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.784/2021 has been provided 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 photocopy of the same be sent to the Bench for official records before the next hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.09.2021 at 11.30 AM through Cisco webex. Meeting code is 15857-23975.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
30.06.2021**

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Shri Jagjit Singh,
R/o Aman Nagar, Street No.3,
Backside Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar By-pass, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

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

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

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1121 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) None is present on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Shri Davinder Singh, Drafts Man, Zone-A, O/o MC, Ludhiana in person
before the Bench at Chandigarh.

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.03.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. Shri Davinder Singh, Drafts Man comes present to attend the hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh. He states that PIO has authorized him to attend the hearing in the Commission on his behalf. He states that complete information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 28.06.2021 by registered post. He also files an affidavit in response to the show cause notice today in the Commission.
3. Shri Jagjit Singh, appellant is absent for today's hearing. He is contacted on phone. He states that nothing has been received from the respondent yet.
4. The appellant is apprised that information has been sent to him by registered post on 28.06.2021 and the gist of information sent is explained on phone and he is advised to scrutinize the

information whenever, he receives the same and point out deficiencies, if any. The deficiencies, if any, pointed out by the appellant be removed and rectified information be supplied by the PIO before next hearing. Original affidavit and copy of the information received in the Commission is also enclosed with the orders.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.09.2021 at 11.30 AM through cisco webex. Meeting code is 15857-23975.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
8/237, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Malerkotla
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Patiala..

....Respondents

AC No.334 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Jwahar, Municipal Engineer O/o MC, Malerkotla in person before the Bench at Chandigarh.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.03.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not received any additional information as yet. He further states that he was called to visit for inspection of records on 28.06.2021 at 12.00 noon but he could not visit as he had another commitment related to a case in Chandigarh.
3. Shri Jwahar, Municipal Engineer O/o Municipal Council, Malerkotla comes present to attend the hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh. He states that complete information as per official records has been supplied to the appellant. He further adds that the appellant was called twice for examination of case related records but he has not visited their office until now.
4. Post deliberations, the PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office before the next hearing, on any working day by tying up with him. The appellant will inspect the relevant official records and identify additional information he needs. The PIO is directed to provide the

information to the appellant so identified by him before next hearing. The PIO is 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.334/2020 has been provided 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 photocopy of the same be sent to the Bench for official records before the next hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.09.2021 at 11.30 AM through Cisco webex. Meeting code is 15857-23975.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
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Mandi Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Malerkotla
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Patiala..

....Respondents

AC No.335 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Jwahar, Municipal Engineer O/o MC, Malerkotla in person before the Bench at Chandigarh.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 15.03.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not received any additional information as yet. He further states that he was called to visit for inspection of records on 28.06.2021 at 12.00 noon but he could not visit as he had another commitment related to a case in Chandigarh.
3. Shri Jwahar, Municipal Engineer O/o Municipal Council, Malerkotla comes present to attend the hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh. He states that complete information as per official records has been supplied to the appellant. He further adds that the appellant was called twice for examination of case related records but he has not visited their office until now.
4. Post deliberations, the PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office before the next hearing, on any working day by tying up with him. The appellant will inspect the relevant official records and identify additional information he needs. The PIO is directed to provide the information to the appellant so identified by him before next hearing. The PIO is 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.335/2020 has been provided 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 photocopy of the same be sent to the Bench for official records before the next hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.09.2021 at 11.30 AM through Cisco webex. Meeting code is 15857-23975.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Raj Kumar, Advocate
R/o H.No.89, Sector-31,
Gurugram-122001.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Secto-17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Secto-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.3215 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Raj Kumar, the appellant.**
(ii) **Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO, the respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.03.2021 passed on the previous hearing.
2. Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, Superintendent-cum-PIO comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. She states that information which was available in the official records of the department has been supplied. The details about the Website and Link from which additional information related to the appeal case can be accessed has also been given to the appellant by email on 29.06.2021.
3. Shri Raj Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex but he was not audible due to technical glitch. He was also contacted on phone many times but without success.
4. Post deliberations with the PIO, the PIO is directed to coordinate with the appellant and send the information again by registered post to the appellant before the next hearing. The appellant is advised to scrutinize the same and point out the short comings, if any, to the PIO in writing with a copy to the Commission, before the next date of hearing, failing which case will be decided in absentia.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.09.2021 at 11.30 AM through cisco webex. Meeting code is 15857-23975.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

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Shri Shingara Singh, S/o Shri Swaran Singh,
Village:Hargana, Tehsil:Khamanoo, Distt:Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Superintendent,
Freedom Fighter Deptt of Punjab,
Punjab Civil Sectt.,-2, Sector:09,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary,
Freedom Fighter Deptt of Punjab,
Punjab Civil Sectt.,-2, Sector:09,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 753 of 2021

- Present:**
- (i) **Shri Shingara Singh, the appellant in person before the Bench at Chandigarh.**
 - (ii) **Shri Vikas Bansal, Sr. Assistant-cum-APIO on behalf of the respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 28.02.2020 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 03.11.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.02.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today, dated 30.06.2021 through Cisco Webex. The appellant comes present to attend the hearing before the Bench. He states that till date only partial information has been supplied to him by the respondent. A letter dated 17.03.2021 has been received from the respondent justifying provision of partial information on the grounds that certain records related to Freedom Fighters are not being maintained.
3. Shri Vikas Bansal, Sr. Assistant-cum-APIO comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that information on point no. 1 has been supplied to the appellant regarding the list of the Freedom Fighter Pensioners in the State of Punjab but now the appellant

wants the list of deceased Freed Fighter Pensioners, which is not available in the official records as the same is not being maintained.

4. Both the parties were heard at length. The Bench observed that any issue related to Freedom Fighters must be addressed with urgency and respect. Society which does not care for & honour its Freedom Fighters or martyrs is definitely lacking in its core values. The PIO is now directed to provide the information to the appellant which exists in their official records. He thereafter is directed to bring the complete record related to the instant appeal case before the Bench on the next hearing and also 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.753/2021 has been provided to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 15.09.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench at Chandigarh.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
30.06.2021**

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