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Shri Daljit Singh,
R/o H. No.23/7, Friends Colony,
Opposite D.A.V. College,
Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

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

...Respondents

AC No.4108/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Daljit 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 02.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Daljit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that he has not been provided any information yet.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO is absent for the third consecutive hearing and that a show cause notice was issued to the PIO during the previous hearing. However, the PIO has not bothered to supply information to the appellant as also file reply to the show cause notice and to come present before the Bench in person as directed during the previous hearing. As such, the PIO has failed to comply with the directions of the Bench.
5. The facts of the case prove beyond any doubt that the PIO/Respondent does not deserve any leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, a penalty to the tune of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO Office of Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head.

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The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.5,000/- from the salary of the PIO and deposit the same in State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

- 0070-Other Administrative Services – 60-Other Services-

-0800-Other Receipts- 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005.

6. The PIO is also directed to supply complete information in compliance with the directions of the Commission as given during previous hearings in its entirety as also to produce evidence for having deposited the penalty in the State Treasury and reply to the show cause notice, before the next date of hearing. The PIO is further directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next hearing bringing along the entire relevant record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 11.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
31.05.2022**

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

Copy to (By Regd. Post):

- 1. PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.**
- 2. The Commissioner (By name), Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar. He is directed to look into the matter as to how the RTI matters are dealt with by the PIO concerned of the Municipal Corporation and send report to the Commission before the next hearing.**

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Smt. Inderjit Kaur,
R/o House No.146,
Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Near Tagore Hospital,
Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar.

...Respondents

AC No.4105/2021

Present: (i) **Shri Daljit Singh, on behalf of the 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 02.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Daljit Singh, comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the appellant. He states that the appellant has not been provided any information yet.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO is absent for the third consecutive hearing and that a show cause notice was issued to the PIO during the previous hearing. However, the PIO has not bothered to supply information to the appellant as also to file reply to the show cause notice and to come present before the Bench in person as directed during the previous hearing. As such, the PIO has failed to comply with the directions of the Bench.
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The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.5,000/- from the salary of the PIO and deposit the same in State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

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6. The PIO is also directed to supply complete information in compliance with the directions of the Commission as given during previous hearings in its entirety as also to produce evidence for having deposited the penalty in the State Treasury and reply to the show cause notice, before the next date of hearing. The PIO is further directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next hearing bringing along the entire relevant record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 11.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation
(Building Department),
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5485 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, Appellant, in person**
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that that no information has been supplied to him so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of this representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO is absent for the second consecutive hearing and further observes that the RTI application of the appellant is dated 26.04.2021 and first appeal is dated 31.05.2021 and in spite of a lapse of ten months, the appellant has not been supplied information. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation(Building Department), Jalandhar 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 failing to comply with the directions of the Bench. 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.



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

7. The PIO O/o Municipal Corporation (Building Department)), Jalandhar is further directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, on inspection of the records, will identify the information as sought by him and the same will be supplied to the appellant by the PIO before the next hearing. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench bringing along with entire relevant record and produce the same before the Bench, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
31.05.2022

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab

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Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation
(Building Department),
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5486 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, Appellant, in person**
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that that no information has been supplied to him so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of this representatives to attend the hearing. A telephonic message has, however, been received from Ms. Sushma, Building Inspector stating that due to illness of her mother in law, she may not be able to attend the hearing and thus, has requested for adjournment to another date.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO is absent for the second consecutive hearing, however, the Bench accedes to the request of the representative of PIO for adjournment of hearing.
5. The PIO O/o Municipal Corporation(Building Department)), Jalandhar is further directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, on inspection of the records, will identify the information as sought by him and the same will be supplied to the appellant by the PIO before the next hearing. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench bringing along with entire relevant record and produce the same before the Bench, failing which penal consequences shall follow.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Sd/-

**Chandigarh
31.05.2022**

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Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha,
30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation
(Building Department),
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Jalandhar..

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.5487 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, Appellant, in person**
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that that no information has been supplied to him so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation (Building Department), Jalandhar has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of this representatives to attend the hearing.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO is absent for the second consecutive hearing and further observes that the RTI application of the appellant is dated 27.04.2021 and first appeal is dated 31.05.2021 and in spite of a lapse of ten months, the appellant has not been supplied information. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation (Building Department)), Jalandhar 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 failing to comply with the directions of the Bench. 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.



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

7. The PIO O/o Municipal Corporation(Building Branch), Jalandhar is further directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, on inspection of the records, will identify the information as sought by him and the same will be supplied to the appellant by the PIO before the next hearing. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench bringing along with entire relevant record and produce the same before the Bench, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 05.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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31.05.2022

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Shri Jasbir Singh,
Guru Nanak Nagar,
Village Bolapur Jhabewal
Post Office Ramgarh,
District Ludhiana-141123.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development
Authority (GLADA), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Administrator,
Greater Ludhiana Area Development
Authority (GLADA), Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.5382/2021

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 03.03.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana has come present to attend the hearing in person or through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor he has given any intimation in this regard.
4. The Bench contacts the appellant Shri Jasbir Singh on mobile phone. He states that he has not been provided any information so far .
4. The Bench observes that the PIO, GLADA, Ludhiana is absent for the second consecutive hearing. The Bench further observes that the RTI application of the appellant is dated 02.09.2021 and first appeal is dated 02.10.2021 and in spite of a lapse of about eight months, the appellant has not been supplied any information. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, 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 failing to comply with the directions of the Bench. 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.

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

7. The PIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana is further directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, on inspection of the records, will identify the information as sought by him and the same will be supplied to the appellant by the PIO before the next hearing. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench bringing along with entire relevant record and produce the same before the Bench, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 11.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
31.05.2022**

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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