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Shri Rohit Sabharwal, President,
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) Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, on behalf of Appellant
(ii) Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector & Shri Davinder Singh, Draftsman,
O/o 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 24.06.2020 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. Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, comes present on behalf of the Appellant. She states that the RTI application of the appellant is dated 10.10.2019 and First Appeal was filed on 14.01.2020. The representative of the appellant further states that the information sought relates to the action taken regarding a complaint made in connection with the encroachment made by shopkeepers in Chaura Bazar, Ludhiana. The information sought is in the public interest.
4. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector comes present on behalf of the PIO. He is not in a position to explain the delay in supplying the information to the appellant.

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AC No.1148/2020

5. The PIO has not come present to attend the hearing and is being represented by the Building Inspector, which shows the casual approach of the PIO in dealing with the RTI applications and towards the orders of Commission. The PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain 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. 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, 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.

7. 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 official records and identify the information he needs. The PIO will provide information to the appellant so identified by him.

8. The PIO is also 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.1148/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement made is correct and authentic.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 26.10.2020 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
31.08.2020**

**Sd/-
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Shri Jagjit Singh,
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Backside Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar By-pass, Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Vs

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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) **Appellant- absent (Contacted through mobile phone).**
(ii) **Shri Davinder Singh, Draftsman, O/o 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 24.06.2020 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 Jagjit Singh, appellant is absent. He is contacted through mobile phone. He states that due to the situation prevailing on account of pandemic of COVID-19, he will not be able to visit D.C. office for hearing through V.C. and further states that he has received reply to his RTI application. He has been denied the information under Section 8(1)(j) of RTI Act terming it third party information. The appellant is not convinced that information sought is third party information.
4. Shri Davinder Singh, Draftsman who comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO, states that information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 23.06.2020 by registered post to the effect that the information, being third, cannot be supplied.

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5. After hearing the version of the representative of PIO and on perusing the RTI application as also the relevant documents, the Bench does not agree with the contention of PIO that the information sought is third party and directs the PIO to provide the information to the appellant before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the** matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing through Cisco Webex on 19.10.2020 at 11.30 AM.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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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. 1179 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) Shri Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia, on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order 24.06.2020 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 Amarjit Singh Dhamotia to appear on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant states that till date, the appellant has not been called for inspection of records nor any information has been supplied.
4. Neither the PIO himself has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor any of his representative has been deputed to attend the hearing. This attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. On the previous hearing, the PIO was directed to call the appellant to the office to identify information and provide the same to the appellant and also to file an affidavit. The PIO has done neither. The PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-D, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and for not complying with the directions of the Commission. He is also directed

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AC No.1179/2020

to file a written reply to the show cause to explain 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 also 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, 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 proceedings against him ex-parte.

7. The PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day by tying up with him. The appellant will inspect the official records and identify the information he needs. The PIO is also directed to provide information to the appellant so identified by him, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

8. The PIO is 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.1179/2020 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 for record.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 26.10.2020 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
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Ludhiana.
First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1181 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) Shri Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia, on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order 24.06.2020 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 Amarjit Singh Dhamotia to appear on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant states that till date, the appellant has not been called for inspection of records nor any information has been supplied..
4. Neither the PIO himself has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor any of his representative has been deputed to attend the hearing. However, a letter dated 23.06.2020 has been received stating to have supplied the information to the appellant.
5. On the previous hearing, the PIO was directed to call the appellant to the office to identify information and provide the same to the appellant and also to file the affidavit. The PIO has done neither.

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AC No.1181/2020

The PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-D, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and also for not complying with the directions of the Commission. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause to explain 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 as also 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, 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.

7. The PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day by tying up with him. The appellant will inspect the official records and identify the information he needs. The PIO is also directed to provide information to the appellant so identified by him, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

8. The PIO is 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.1181/2020 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 for record.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 26.10.2020 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
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First Appellate Authority-cum-
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Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1182 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Amarjeet Singh Dhamotia, on behalf of the appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order 24.06.2020 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 Amarjit Singh Dhamotia to appear on his behalf for today's hearing. The representative of the appellant states that till date, the appellant has not been called for inspection of records nor any information has been supplied.
4. Neither the PIO himself has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor any of his representative has been deputed to attend the hearing.
5. The Bench observes that the PIO was absent on the previous hearing. Today, again the PIO has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor has sent any representative to attend the hearing. The Bench further observes that on the previous hearing, the PIO was directed to call the appellant to the office to identify information and provide the same to the appellant and also to

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AC No.1182/2020

file an affidavit. The PIO O/o Ms. Monika Anand, A.T.P., Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana was issued show cause notice to which no reply has been filed by the PIO.

6. As per directions given on the previous hearing, the PIO is again directed to call the appellant to her office on any working day by tying up with him. The appellant will inspect the official records and identify the information he needs which will be provided by the PIO, failing which penal consequences shall follow. The PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause which was issued on the previous hearing.

7. The PIO is 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.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 26.10.2020 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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Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,
Near Mair Di Chakki,
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. 1183 of 2020

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order 24.06.2020 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 till date, no information has been provided nor he has been called by the PIO to inspect the official records to identify the information.
4. Neither the PIO comes present to attend the hearing nor the PIO has deputed any other official to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. A letter dated 24.06.2020 has been received in the Commission stating to have supplied the information to the appellant. The denies having received the letter.
5. The Bench observes that the PIO was absent on the previous hearing also. As such, Smt. Monika Anand, Municipal Town Planner-cum-PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana was issued show cause notice to which no reply has been filed. The PIO was also directed to call the appellant in the office for supply of information. The PIO has not complied with the directions of the Commission.

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AC No.1183/2020

6. The PIO is again directed to call the appellant for inspection of records and to provide the information to the appellant as may be identified by him after inspection of the official records. As per directions given on the previous hearing, 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.1183/2020 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 the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for records.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 26.10.2020 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
31.08.2020**

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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) None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order 24.06.2020 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 till date, no information has been provided nor he has been called by the PIO to inspect the official records to identify the information.
4. Neither the PIO comes present to attend the hearing nor the PIO has deputed anybody to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. A letter dated 13.08.2020 has been received in the Commission vide which information has been supplied to the appellant.
5. The Bench observes that the PIO was absent on the previous hearing also. As such, Smt. Monika Anand, Municipal Town Planner-cum-PIO O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana was issued show cause notice to which no reply has been filed. The PIO was also directed to call the appellant in the office for supply of information. The PIO has not complied with the directions of the Commission.



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AC No.1184/2020

6. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies having received information though the PIO vide letter dated 13.08.2020, states to have supplied information.

7. The PIO is again directed to call the appellant for inspection of records and to provide the information to the appellant as may be identified by him after inspection of the official records. As per directions given on the previous hearing, 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.1184/2020 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 the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for records.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 26.10.2020 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
31.08.2020**

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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 on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 24.06.2020 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.
4. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector-cum-APIO comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that reply has been sent vide letter dated 23.06.2020. However, information on Points No.1 & 3 relates to Establishment Branch and the information for the same is to be provided by the PIO, Establishment Branch, Shri Manoj Kumar. The information on points no.1 & 3 is thus pending. He further states that the information asked for is voluminous and is available on their official website i.e. www.mcludhiana.gov.in.
5. The PIO, Establishment Branch, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is impleaded as the PIO/respondent to supply the information to the appellant on points no.1 & 3.
6. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he visited the office of PIO and met Shri Inderjit Singh, but he was not entertained by anyone and not provided any information. The



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AC No.1178/2020

Bench observes that the directions given on the previous hearing have not been complied with. The PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain 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 is 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. He will also 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 PIO is also directed to file an affidavit signed by the PIO and duly attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the information sought in AC No.1178/2020 as available in the official records as well as on the website of the Municipal Corporation Ludhiana in Link www.mcludhiana.gov.in. has been provided and appellant has been explained to access and download information from the link of official website. The statement is correct and authentic. Nothing has been concealed therein. Original affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

10. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 26.10.2020 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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31.08.2020**

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O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Zone-C
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, and Shri Gurmeet Singh, Clerk
O/o Municipal Corporation, Zone-C, Ludhiana.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 24.06.2020 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 till date no information has been given to him by the PIO.
4. Shri Satish Kumar, PIO and Sh.Gurmeet Singh, Clerk, M.C. Ludhiana come present to attend the hearing. Sh.Satish Kumar, PIO states that the appellant has been given affidavit dated 04.07.2020.
5. The Bench observes that the appellant was to be called by the PIO to his office to inspect the official records and then provide the information. However, the same has not been done. The affidavit given by the PIO is also not acceptable as no information stands supplied.
6. The PIO is again directed to call the appellant in the office on any working day. The appellant will be allowed to peruse the relevant official record to identify information as per his RTI



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AC No.1185/2020

application. Photocopy of information so identified will be provided to the appellant. The PIO, after supply of information, is 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.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 26.10.2020 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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Vill.& PO Madhopur,
Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o General Manager,
Punjab Roadways, Pathankot

First Appellate Authority0-
O/o Administrative Officer-cum-
Executive Director (Admn.),
PUNBUS,Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1347 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Sanjeev Thakur, Appellant**
(ii) **Shri Pardeep Singh, Clerk, O/o GM Punjab Roadways, Pathankot,**
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.07.2020 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. Pathankot.
3. Shri Sanjeev Thakur, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that incomplete information has been supplied. He further states that he had visited the office of PIO on 19.08.2020, but the office staff was on strike. The Superintendent of the office also could not be contacted for the inspection of records as he was not available in the office.
4. Shri Pardeep Singh, Clerk, O/o GM Punjab Roadways, Pathankot, comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that pending information relates to the Contractor who is a private party. However, he assures to supply other information to the appellant after obtaining from the concerned contractor.
5. The Bench observes that the appellant has not been entertained on his visit to the office of PIO. The PIO was also issued show cause notice to which no reply has been filed. An affidavit was also to be filed after supplying the complete information. Thus, the PIO has not complied with the directions of the Commission.

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6. PIO is also directed to ensure that the complete information is supplied to the appellant. The information which is reported to be with the Contractor, be also arranged from the Contractor and supplied to the appellant. PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued on the previous hearing.

7. As per directions given on the previous date of hearing, the PIO is again 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 record in Appeal Case No.1347/2020 has been supplied to the appellant and nothing beyond that information is available in their official records. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement made is correct and authentic. The original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy thereof be sent to the Commission for record

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 26.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Pathankot.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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