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Ms. Neha,
R/o # 45, Street No.2,
Sunder Nagar,
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Divisional Officer
East Commercial,
PSPCL, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer,
PSPCL, Border Zone,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No.3597 of 2020

Present: (i) Ms. Neha, appellant
(ii) Shri Vipin Kumar, Asstt. Executive Engineer, East Commercial, PSPCL,
Amritsar/PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 24.08.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in her RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 01.10.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.11.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Amritsar. Accordingly, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C.

3. Ms. Neha, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. She states that she has received information vide letter dated 07.01.2021 vide which she has been informed that the information is available on the website of the PSPCL as also hard copy of the same has been provided, but she is not satisfied with the information supplied. On the asking of the Bench, she states that she is working in Suvida Centre and allegations of embezzlement have been leveled against her and as such, she has sought the information vide her RTI application.

4. Shri Vipin Kumar, Assistant Executive Engineer, East Commercial, PSPCL, Amritsar comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that most of the information sought is available on website of PSPCL and the appellant has also been provided hard copy of the same.

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5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow her access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information as per her RTI application and the same will be provided to the appellant by the PIO before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to apprise the appellant regarding the website of the Department, related links and how to access the information sought.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.04.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Amritsar.** The copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
13.01.2021**

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Shri Jasbir Singh
Guru Nanak Nagar
Village Bolapur Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh, Ludhiana,
Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Improvement Trust
Feroze Gandhi Market,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Chief Administrator,
Improvement Trust
Feroze Gandhi Market,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3176 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 13.07.2020 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 22.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C.
3. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that no information has been received by him.
4. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor has supplied any information to the appellant. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, 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 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.

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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 further directed to ensure that complete information is supplied to the appellant before the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.04.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** The copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Guru Nanak Nagar
Village Bolapur Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh, Ludhiana,
Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Director, State Transport,
Punjab, Sector-17,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, State Transport,
Punjab, Sector-17,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.3177 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh in person before the Bench on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 20.07.2020 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 27.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C.
3. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that no information has been received by him, however, he had received telephonic call to collect the information from PIO yesterday.
4. Shri Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, comes in person before the Bench. He states that earlier information could not be supplied as copy of Aadhar card as Id. Proof was sought from the appellant. Now the information has been sent to the appellant by registered post vide letter dated 12.01.2021. He also produces a copy before the Bench which is taken on record.
5. On receipt of information, the appellant is advised to point out deficiencies, if any, to the PIO and the PIO will remove the deficiencies pointed out and send rectified information to the appellant before the next hearing.

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AC No.3177/2020

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.04.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** The copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
13.01.2021**

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Shri Jagshir Singh
S/o Late Shri Gian Singh
9/20, Mandi Mullanpur,
Ludhiana-141101

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3187 of 2020

Present:

- (i) **Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant.**
- (ii) **Shri Anil Bakshi, Clerk, Zone D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana
On behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 29.06.2020 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 13.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C.
3. Shri Anil Bakshi, Clerk, Zone D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO. He states that the appellant has raised 15 points in his RTI application and all issues raised have been addressed and information supplied.
4. Shri Jagshir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that partial information has been received by him and he is not satisfied with the information provided.
5. Post deliberations with the appellant and representative of PIO, the Bench directs to the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information and the same will be provided by the PIO before the next hearing.



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AC No.3187/2020

6. After supplying the requisite information to the appellant, the PIO is directed to file an affidavit before 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.3187 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the afore said directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.04.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Manjinder Singh
R/o #2469, Sunny Enclave
Sector-125, Kharar,
District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

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

....Respondents

AC No.3036 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Manjinder Singh, Appellant in person before the Bench.**
(ii) **Shri Manish Kumar, Section Officer/ PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana**

ORDER

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 29.06.2020 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 13.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C.
3. Shri Manish Kumar, Section Officer/PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 07.07.2020.
4. Shri Manjinder Singh, appellant comes present in person before the Bench and states that he is not satisfied with the information supplied to him. He is made to talk to the PIO. The PIO states that the appellant has sought information regarding different types of challans disposed of during the month of September, 2017 and further states that such details as sought by the appellant are not maintained in the official records. It, thus, amounts to creation of information and as such, the appellant can come to the office of PIO and examine the official records as existing related to AC No.3036/2020.



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AC No.3036/2020

6. The PIO is 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 sought by the appellant is not maintained in their official records and as such, cannot be supplied to the appellant in the format in which it has been sought. It be further stated that the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the afore said directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.04.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Balwinder Singh Laddi, Whistle Blower
H.No.418, Street no.5,
Mohalla Nanaksar,
Tehdi Road, Shimlapuri,
Ludhiana-141003.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3056 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal on behalf of the appellant**
(ii) **Shri Satish Kumar, ATP/PIO, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 18.07.2020 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 21.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the appeal case has been heard through V.C.
3. Shri Satish Kumar, ATP/PIO, Zone-C, M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. and states that the information has been supplied to the appellant by speed post vide letter dated 05.10.2020 with a copy to the Commission and that the appellant has also received the information.
4. Shri Gurmej Lal attends the hearing on behalf of the appellant and states that the appellant seeks some time to peruse the information and point out deficiencies, if any, to the PIO.
5. The appellant is given time to go through the information supplied and point out deficiencies, if any, to the PIO. The PIO will remove the deficiencies so pointed out and supply the rectified information to the appellant before the next hearing.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.04.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Gurmej Lal, Whistle Blower,
H.No.6375, Street No.16,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,
PO Daba, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3055 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman, Zone-D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana**
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 15.07.2020 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 24.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. As such, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman, Zone-D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 20.10.2020 by speed post.
4. Shri Gurmej Lal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he has received the information but he is not satisfied with the information supplied.
5. Post deliberations with the appellant and representative of PIO, the Bench directs to the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information and the same will be provided by the PIO before the next hearing.

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AC No.3055/2020

6. After supplying the requisite information to the appellant, the PIO is 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.3055 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the afore said directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.04.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
13.01.2021**

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Shri Sarabjit Singh Gill,
H.No.60-35-P-376-1, St. No.8,
Maha Singh Nagar,
PO Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana-141014.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3054 of 2020

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

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 18.07.2020 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 21.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. Accordingly, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C.
3. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant. He states that no information has been received by the appellant.
4. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor has supplied any information to the appellant. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The PIOs of concerned Zone/Office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana are issued show cause notice to explain their absence and as to why action should not be taken against them and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for non-supply of information to the appellant. They are 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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AC No.3054/2020

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO's are 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. They may take note that in case they do not file the written reply and do not avail themselves of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that they have nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceeding against them ex-parte.

7. The PIO's are further directed to ensure that complete information is supplied to the appellant before the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.04.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** The copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
13.01.2021**

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Of concerned Zone/Office,
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.**

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Shri Rohit Sabharwal,
President, Kundan Bhawan,
126, Model Gram,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3038 of 2020

Present: (i) **Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, on behalf of appellant**
(ii) **Shri Rupinder Singh, Junior Engineer, B&R Branch, Zone-D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing/On Mobile Phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 08.07.2020 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 19.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. As such, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. Shri Rupinder Singh, Junior Engineer, B&R, Zone-D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing. He states that the appellant has been given reply vide letter 31.12.2020, sent by speed post on 01.01.2021, to the effect that no record relating to the information sought is available in B&R Branch of Zone-D of Municipal Corporation.
4. Since nobody has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant, the representative of the appellant Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur is contacted on mobile phone. She is apprised of the version of representative of PIO, B&R Branch, Zone-D. She requests that the PIOs of B&R Branches of Zone-A, B and C may be impleaded as respondents so that the information asked for is supplied by them also.
5. The request of the representative of appellant is acceded to. Accordingly, the PIOs of B&R Branches of Zones-A, B and C of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana are impleaded as Respondents No.2,3 and 4 respectively. They are directed to supply the information sought by the appellant relating to their Branches before the next hearing.



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AC No.3038/2020

6. With the afore said directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.04.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Ludhiana.

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Shri Mohit Garu,
S/o Shri Dalip Kumar
R/o H.No.B-2/698/6E,
Chhawani Mohalla
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Assistant Town Planner,
Municipal Corporation,
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3142 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Mohit Garu, appellant
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 25.06.2020 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 05.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice for the hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2021 through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. As such, the appeal case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.
3. Shri Mohit Garu, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that no information has been received by him so far.
4. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor has supplied any information to the appellant. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The PIO O/o Assistant Town Planner, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, 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 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.

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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 further directed to ensure that complete information is supplied to the appellant before the next hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.04.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** The copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
13.01.2021**

**Sd/-
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S/o Shri Chander Mohan Ahuja
R/o NM 604, Gopal Nagar,
Jalandhar,

..... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Jalandhar Chess Association,
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

CC No.876 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Sahil Ahuja, appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

(Contacted on Mobile Phone)

1. The RTI application is dated 10.06.2020 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 13.11.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.01.2021 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. The complainant Shri Sahil Ahuja has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor any information has been supplied.
4. The complainant is contacted on mobile phone. He states that no information has been received by him. The Bench puts query to the complainant as to whether the Jalandhar Chess Association, Jalandhar is a public authority or not as described under the provisions of RTI Act. He is, however, not able to give any answer to the queries put to him and states that this will be responded to by his Advocate.
5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 06.04.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Jalandhar.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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