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Shri Parveen Kumar Sayal (Partner Sayal & Company),
Octroi Contractor, Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary to Govt. Of Punjab,
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 1715 of 2021

Present: (i) **The representative of the Appellant, Shri N.K. Sayal is present, in person.**
(ii) **Ms. Tarsem Kaur, Superintendent- cum- PIO (Establishment Branch) and Shri Kapil, Senior Assistant –cum- APIO are present, in person.**

ORDER

1. This case was previously heard by Ld. SIC, Shri Sanjiv Garg on 15.06.2022 and vide order dated 12.07.2022 this case was transferred to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, the hearing of this present case is fixed for today.

2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. The representative of the Appellant, Shri N.K. Sayal states that no proper information has been supplied to the Appellant. He further mentions about submissions vide his letter dated 26.08.2022, which have been received in the Commission and is taken on record.

3. On the asking of this Bench, Shri Kapil, Senior Assistant states that information sought pertains to the three offices i.e. i) PIO O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner, (General), Fatehgarh Sahib,
ii) PIO O/o The Secretary, Local Govt. Punjab, LG -3 Branch, Chandigarh,
iii) PIO O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sirhind, Fatehgarh Sahib.

The concerned department has already transferred the complaints to these departments.

4. On examination of case related documents, it emerges that the penalty of Rs. 5,000/- which was imposed on the PIO vide order dated 29.09.2021 has been deposited by the concerned PIO.

5. **Post deliberations, the PIO's i.e. i) PIO O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner, (General), Fatehgarh Sahib, ii) PIO O/o The Secretary, Local Govt. Punjab, LG -3 Branch, Chandigarh and iii) PIO O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sirhind, Fatehgarh Sahib are impleaded as a necessary party and further the PIO's are directed to appear in Commission along with the requisite information pertaining to this case, failing which action would be recommended against the PIO's concerned on the next date. A copy of this order along with RTI application be forwarded to the concerned PIO's.**



6. The Appellant or his representative is directed to appear in Commission on the next date of hearing positively.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **All the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 26.10.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.**

**Chandigarh
15.09.2022**

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

Regd. Post

- i) **PIO O/o The Additional Deputy Commissioner, (General), Fatehgarh Sahib**
(Encl. RTI Application)
- ii) **PIO O/o The Secretary, Local Govt. Punjab, LG -3 Branch, Chandigarh and**
(Encl. RTI Application)
- iii) **PIO O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sirhind, Fatehgarh Sahib**
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Shri Jagjit Singh, R/o Aman Nagar,
Street Number 03, Backside Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar By Pass, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Director,
Local Govt. Department, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Director,
Local Govt. Department, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 4055 of 2020

Present: (i) **The Appellant, Shri Jagjit Singh is present on mobile phone.**
(ii) **Shri Navdeep Sharma, Vigilance Officer is present, in person.**

ORDER

1. This case was previously heard by Ld. SIC, Shri Sanjiv Garg on 23.05.2022 and vide order dated 12.07.2022 this case was transferred to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, the hearing of this present case is fixed for today.

2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. The Vigilance Officer, Shri Navdeep Sharma states that the information has been sent to the Appellant vide registered post on 24.08.2022.

3. The Appellant, Shri Jagjit Singh is contacted on mobile and the Appellant states that no additional information has been provided after inspection of records or by registered post.

4. Post deliberations, the Bench now directs the PIO to supply the pointwise information as available in official records to the Appellant along with a copy to the Commission before the next hearing. The Bench also directs the Appellant to go through the information supplied and point out deficiencies, if any, to the concerned PIO.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the parties are directed to come up for hearing on 29.09.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.**

Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Manjit Singh, S/o Shri Tara Singh,
H. No. 309, Street Number 05, Sant Avenue, J.T. Road,
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Secretary,
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority
O/o The Principal Secretary,
Local Govt. Punjab, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh

....Respondents

AC No. 2321 of 2022

Present: (i) **The representative of the Appellant, Shri Satnam Singh is present in person.**
(ii) **None is present from Respondent / PIO.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 01.01.2022 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 10.02.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 11.05.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). This case has been re-allocated to the bench of undersigned vide order dated 12.07.2022 and the hearing has been fixed for today.

2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. The representative of the Appellant, Shri Satnam Singh states that no information has been supplied to the appellant till date.

3. Nobody appears from the department relating to this case and no letter / email has been received from the Respondent / PIO for today's adjournment.

4. The Bench observes that the PIO is absent today without any intimation to the bench of undersigned. The PIO office of the Secretary, Local Govt. Department, Punjab, Chandigarh 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 appear for the hearing. 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.

5. 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 through cisco webex 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.



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6. The PIO is directed to supply the point wise information to the Appellant before the next hearing.
7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the parties are directed to connect through Cisco Webex Meetings Software on 26.10.2022 at 11.30 am (Meeting Joining Number of Webex is 15857-23975) on the next date of hearing.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
15.09.2022

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Shri Surinder Kumar, S/ Shri Hakam Rai,
1869 / 92, Kila Mohalla Daresi Road,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Director,
Local Govt. Department, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Director,
Local Govt. Department, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 2043 of 2022

Present: (i) **The Appellant, Shri Surinder Kumar is absent.**
(ii) **None is present from the department in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 27.01.2022 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 07.03.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.04.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). This case has been re-allocated to the bench of undersigned vide order dated 12.07.2022 and the hearing has been fixed for today.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. The Appellant, Shri Jagjit Singh is absent.
3. None is present from the department. A letter dated 13.06.2022 has been sent to the Commission in which it has been written that this information relates with the office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, which is taken on record. A letter dated 03.09.2022 has also been received by the bench of undersigned which is also taken on record.
4. Post deliberations, both the parties are directed to appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case. A copy of this order along with the RTI application be forwarded to the PIO office of MC, Ludhiana for necessary action.
5. The matter is adjourned. **Both the parties are directed to come up for hearing on 26.10.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
15.09.2022

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Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
{Encl. RTI Application}

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

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Local Govt., Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director,
Department of Local Government, Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Local Govt., Municipal Bhawan,
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 1667 of 2021

Present: (i) **The Appellant, Shri Jasbir Singh is present on mobile phone.**
(ii) **None is present from the department in person.**

ORDER

1. This case was previously heard by Ld. SIC, Shri Sanjiv Garg on 23.05.2022 and vide order dated 12.07.2022 this case was transferred to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, the hearing of this present case is fixed for today.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. The Appellant, Shri Jasbir Singh states that no information has been supplied to him yet.
3. None is present from the department. An email has been received from the department vide which a letter dated 12.08.2022 has been received by the bench of undersigned, which is taken on record.
4. Post deliberations, all the concerned parties are directed to appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case.
5. The matter is adjourned. **Both the parties are directed to come up for hearing on 26.10.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta,
8/ 23 7, Jagraon Road,
Mandi Mullanpur, District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Director,
Local Govt. Department, (Establishment Branch)
Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Director,
Local Govt. Department, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No. 255 of 2022

Present: (i) **The Appellant, Shri Rakesh Kumar Gupta is absent**
(ii) **None is present from the department in person.**

ORDER

1. This case was previously heard by Ld. SIC, Shri Sanjiv Garg on 24.05.2022 and vide order dated 12.07.2022 this case was transferred to the undersigned bench. Accordingly, the hearing of this present case is fixed for today.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are absent.
4. Post deliberations, both the parties are directed to appear in the Commission on the next date of hearing for clarifying the facts of this case.
5. The matter is adjourned. **Both the parties are directed to come up for hearing on 26.10.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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15.09.2022

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