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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia,
Whistle Blower, Social Worker,
Distt.President, Ludhiana NCAG
H.No.60-35-P-376-1, Street No.8
Maha Singh Nagar, PO Dhandri Kalan,
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2342 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Divleen Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer, Electrical and Shri Tarun, Clerk,
O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Divleen Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer (Elect.), APIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the appellant was called to office vide letter dated 15.05.2022 to inspect the records.
4. The Bench apprises the appellant of the version of representative of PIO. On the asking of the Bench, he states that the as per directions of Hon'ble Bench, he has visited several times the office of PIO for inspection of records, but he is not entertained and records have not been got inspected on one pretext or the other. He particularly names Shri Ashok Kumar, APIO who is the person concerned to provide information.
4. Shri Tarun, Clerk appearing on behalf of PIO, states that the appellant had visited on 13.03.2022 and he was entertained and supplied information as required by him. Upon this, the appellant states that the information has been supplied in another appeal case and not in this case.

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Appeal Case No.2342 of 2021

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to office on 17.05.2022 at 11.30 AM and allow him access to the relevant official records. Shri Ashok Kumar , APIO and Shri Tarun, Clerk are particularly directed to cooperate with the appellant on his visit to office of PIO and ensure that the information as identified by the appellant after inspection of records, is supplied to him before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
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Shri Jagjit Singh,(RTI Activist),
R/o Aman Nagar,Street No.3
Backside GreenLand School,
Near Jalandhar By-pass,
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Greater Ludhiana Area
Development Authority(GLADA),
Ludhiana.

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2257 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Divleen Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer, Electrical, O/o GLADA, Ludhiana,
on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER:

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Neither the appellant has come present to attend the hearing in person nor through cisco webex.
3. Shri Divleen Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer, Electrical, APIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the amount of penalty imposed on the PIO has been deposited in the treasury and copy of e-challan has been sent to the Hon'ble Commission by e.mail. He, however, states that in order to comply with the remaining direction of Hon'ble Bench, another hearing may be given.
4. The Bench accedes to the request of representative of PIO. The Bench, after perusal of the case file, observes that the information is yet to be supplied to the appellant. He is directed to send information to the appellant before the next hearing.



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Appeal Case No.2257 of 2021

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.07.2022 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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...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Administrator,
GLADA, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2136 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Divleen Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer, Electrical and Shri Tarun, Clerk,
O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Divleen Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer (Elect.), APIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the appellant was called to office vide letter dated 15.05.2022 to inspect the records.
4. The Bench apprises the appellant of the version of representative of PIO. On the asking of the Bench, he states that the as per directions of Hon'ble Bench, he has visited several time the office of PIO for inspection of records, but he is not entertained and records have not been got inspected on one pretext or the other. He particularly names Shri Ashok Kumar, APIO who is the person concerned to provide information.
4. Shri Tarun, Clerk appearing on behalf of PIO, states that the appellant had visited on 13.03.2022 and he was entertained and supplied information as required by him. Upon this, the appellant states that the information has been supplied in another appeal case and not in this case.



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Appeal Case No.2136 of 2021

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to office on 17.05.2022 at 11.30 AM and allow him access to the relevant official records. Shri Ashok Kumar , APIO and Shri Tarun, Clerk are particularly directed to cooperate with the appellant on his visit to office of PIO and ensure that the information as identified by the appellant after inspection of records, is supplied to him before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.07.2022 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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...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Housing and Urban Development
(Housing-2 Branch), Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

O/o Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Deptt. of Housing and Urban Development
(Housing-2 Branch), Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.2138 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Divleen Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer, Electrical and Shri Tarun, Clerk,
O/o GLADA, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

ORDER:

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
3. Shri Divleen Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer (Elect.), APIO O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the appellant was called to office vide letter dated 15.05.2022 to inspect the records.
4. The Bench apprises the appellant of the version of representative of PIO. On the asking of the Bench, he states that the as per directions of Hon'ble Bench, he has visited several time the office of PIO for inspection of records, but he is not entertained and records have not been got inspected on one pretext or the other. He particularly names Shri Ashok Kumar, APIO who is the person concerned to provide information.



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Appeal Case No.2138 of 2021

4. Shri Tarun, Clerk appearing on behalf of PIO, states that the appellant had visited on 13.03.2022 and he was entertained and supplied information as required by him. Upon this, the appellant states that the information has been supplied in another appeal case and not in this case.

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to office on 17.05.2022 at 11.30 AM and allow him access to the relevant official records. Shri Ashok Kumar , APIO and Shri Tarun are particularly directed to cooperate with the appellant on his visit to office of PIO and ensure that the information as identified by the appellant after inspection of records, is supplied to him before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
16.05.2022**

**Sd/-
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Shri Amarjot Singh Gill,
Bikram House, 21, Hira Nagar,
Patiala-147001.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Estate Officer,
Greater Mohali Area Development
Authority (GMADA), Mohali.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Estate Officer,
Greater Mohali Area Development
Authority (GMADA), Mohali.

...Respondents

AC No.5076 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Amarjot Singh Gill, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **Shri Baldev Singh, Assistant Town Planner O/o District Town Planner, Mohali on behalf of the PIO/Respondent, in person.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Amarjot Singh Gill, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that point No.5 of his RTI application relates to Town & Country Planning Department and not to GMADA and no inputs on the same have been given.
3. Shri Baldev Singh, Assistant Town Planner O/o District Town Planner, Mohali comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing and states that reply to the appellant has been given vide letter dated 27.10.2021. He is apprised that the appellant is satisfied with the reply on points No.1 to 4 and the information only on point No.5 is pending, to which, he states that it is not related to office of Town & Country Planning and it relates to GMADA, Mohali.
4. Since neither the PIO O/o GMADA, Mohali has come present in person nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. Shri Gurwinder Singh, PIO, GMADA is contacted on mobile phone. He is apprised of the status of the case as also of a letter dated 16.05.2022 received by e.mail from Superintendent-cum-PIO, Estate Officer, GMADA, S.A.S. Nagar wherein point wise information has been given to the appellant and regarding point No.5, it has been stated that it does not relate to their office. He states that this point relates to Estate Officer as the allotment work is done by Estate Office, GMADA. He states that another date be given to get the matter resolved and for provision of information.



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AC No.5076/2021

5. The request of PIO GMADA, Mohali is acceded to. He is directed to ensure that information on point No.5 is supplied to the appellant before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. **To come up for hearing on 31.05.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.**

Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
16.05.2022**

**Sd/-
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Shri Kashmir Singh,
Retd. R.A. PSPCL
H.No.75, Street No.30D,
Anand Nagar-B, Patiala

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Deputy Secretary,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
(PSPCL), Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Engineer (Operation),
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
(PSPCL), Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.5262 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) **Shri Kashmir Singh, Appellant, in person.**
(ii) **Shri Dharam Vir Kanwal, Sr.XEN, Distribution Division, PSPCL, Lehragaga,
on behalf of the PIO/Respondent, in person.**

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Kashmir Singh, appellant comes present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing. He states that the information supplied by the PIO is not in consonance with his RTI application as it is incomplete and misleading and that he has also made submissions in this regard.
3. Shri Dharam Vir Kanwal, Sr. Executive Engineer, Distribution Division, PSPCL, Lehragaga, comes present in person to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He states that the information was supplied to the appellant and has also brought along the relevant official records. He further states that he has also talked to the appellant in this regard. He will ensure to supply balance of information to the appellant keeping in view the submissions made/ deficiencies pointed out by him.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, on perusal of the official records, will identify the information as per his RTI application and the PIO will provide the same to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

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AC No.5262/2021

5. After supplying the information to the appellant, the PIO is 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.5262/2021 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 affidavit along with copy of the same be brought along and produced before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.07.2022 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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Smt. Neena Gupta,
#1410, Phase-I, Urban Estate,
Dugri Road, Ludhiana-141013.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o Chief Electrical Inspector,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Chief Electrical Inspector,
Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.5253 of 2021

PRESENT : (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Pawan Kumar Mittal, Executive Engineer/PIO and Shri Pankaj Sharma,
Sub Divisional Officer, O/o Chief Electrical Inspector, Punjab, Patiala,

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. Neither the appellant has come present to attend the hearing in person nor through cisco webex. However, various e.mail dated 03.05.2020, 10.05.2022 and 16.05.2022 have been received from the appellant stating therein that the information has not been supplied to her and states that representative of appellant Shri Sushil Kumar was to attend the hearing, but he is not feeling well and is unable to attend the hearing. It has been further stated that the case may not be closed without her consent and that if information is not provided by the PIO, then an affidavit may be provided to her by the PIO. Further, in case the Commission fails to do so, she will file a complaint to the President of India as also to the Chief Minister, Punjab and Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court.

3. Shri Pawan Kumar Mittal, Executive Engineer/ PIO and Shri Pankaj Sharma, SDO O/o Chief Electrical Inspector, Patiala come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench, The respondent states that the matter relates to PSPCL and not to Chief Electrical Inspector, Patiala. Efforts were made to contact the appellant on phone by the PIO, but the appellant does not respond to the phone calls. The appellant is insisting on being provided the action taken on the letters dated 09.05.2021 & 10.05.2021 of the appellant with regard to installation of a Transformer on the passage to two vacant plots in a private colony.

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Appeal Case No.5253 of 2021

4. The Bench, from the perusal of e-mails received from the appellant, observes that the appellant's submissions are far from being civic. Uncalled for e-mails are sent to the Bench containing similar contents and wording. The appellant shows no respect of the jurisdiction of the Commission and seems to dictate the manner in which the Bench must function. The Bench also observes that the order sent to the appellant has also been received back undelivered with the remarks of postal authority 'Left'. From the submissions made by the PIO also, the appellant seems to be indulging in arrogant behaviour.

5. Notwithstanding what has been discussed above, the Bench directs the PIO to send information to the appellant by registered post and thereafter, the PIO is 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.5253/2021 has been supplied to the appellant. It be also stated the appellant was called for inspection of records, but the appellant did not respond. It is further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit along with copy of the same be brought along and produced before the Bench on the next hearing.

6. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.07.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh
16.05.2022

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Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kendra,
Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-
O/o Greater Ludhiana Area
Development Authority (GLADA),
Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

AC No.406 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Divleen Singh, SDE (Electrical) O/o GLADA, Ludhiana**
On behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

(Heard through cisco webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Tejinder Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been supplied to him and that still the things remain the same.
3. Shri Divleen Singh, SDE (Electrical) O/o GLADA, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 13.05.2022 by registered post. He further states that the amount of penalty has also been deposited in the treasury and a copy of the e.challan has been sent to the Hon'ble Commission by e.mail.
4. The Bench observes that it is obvious that the information sent on 13.05.2022 may be in transit and as such, the Bench advises the appellant to point out deficiencies after the information is received by him. The PIO is directed to remove the deficiencies to be so pointed out by the appellant and then supply rectified information to the appellant.



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Appeal Case No.406 of 2021

4. The Bench observes that the PIO has not filed reply to the show cause notice. He is directed to comply with the directions given by the Bench in its entirety as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned with the aforesaid directions. **To come up for hearing on 07.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
16.05.2022**

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S/o Late Shri Gurbachan Singh
R/o 848-A, MIG Flats,
Jamalpur Colony,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

AC No.2443 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh on behalf of the appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO, O/o R.T.A. Ferozepur.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.02.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office. Shri Tejinder Singh comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the appellant. He states that the information has not been supplied to the appellant and the directions of the Hon'ble Bench still remained un-complied with.
3. Neither the PIO 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 on behalf of the PIO.
4. The Bench observes that the PIO was issued show cause notice on 15.06.2021 and a direction was also given to file an affidavit after supplying complete information to the appellant. But neither the PIO has filed reply to the show cause notice nor has supplied information to the appellant and the things still remain the same. The PIO has also not come present in person before the Bench and thus, has not complied 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, O/o RTA Ferozepur to be deducted from his



AC No.2443 of 2020

salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head. 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 to the appellant and file reply to the Show Cause Notice as also produce evidence for having deposited the penalty in the State Treasury, before the next date of hearing. The PIO is further directed to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 07.07.2022 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
16.05.2022**

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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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