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Shri Amarjit Singh Dhamotia, ,  
NCAG Office, Street NO.5,  
# H.No.60-35-P-330,  
Street no.8, Maha Singh Nagar,  
P.O:Dhandari Kalan,  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Bodies, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Local Bodies, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No. 4854 of 2022**

**Present:** i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, on behalf of the appellant- cisco webex.**  
ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 11.07.2022 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 13.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Gurmej Lal, comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant through cisco webex and states that no information has been supplied to the appellant.

3. Neither the PIO O/o Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab has come present in person nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

4. The PIO 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 and not supplying 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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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 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.

6. The PIO is again directed to supply point-wise information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.01.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
20.12.2022**

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....Respondents

**AC No. 4853 of 2022**

**Present:**       i)       **Shri Gurmej Lal, on behalf of the appellant- cisco webex.**  
                  ii)       **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

**ORDER:**

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2.               The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Gurmej Lal, comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant through cisco webex and states that no information has been supplied to the appellant.
3.               Neither the PIO O/o Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab has come present in person nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4.               The PIO 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 and not supplying 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. The PIO is directed to supply point-wise information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.01.2023 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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**First Appellate Authority**

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Sector-35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No. 4851 of 2022**

**Present:** i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, on behalf of the appellant- cisco webex.**  
ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

**ORDER:**

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2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Gurmej Lal, comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant through cisco webex and states that no information has been supplied to the appellant.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab has come present in person nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO 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 and not supplying 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. The PIO is directed to supply point-wise information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.01.2023 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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**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Director, Local Govt., Punjab,  
Punjab Municipal Bhawan,  
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No. 4850 of 2022**

**Present:** i) **Shri Gurmej Lal, on behalf of the appellant- cisco webex.**  
ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 11.07.2022 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 13.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Gurmej Lal, comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the appellant through cisco webex and states that no information has been supplied to the appellant.

3. Neither the PIO O/o Director, Local Government, Punjab has come present in person nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

4. The PIO 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 and not supplying 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. The PIO is directed to supply point-wise information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.01.2023 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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O/o Principal Secretary,  
Energy Deptt, Punjab, Chandigarh.

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Chairman-cum-Managing Director,  
PSPCL, Patiala.

**(Encl: Copy of RTI application)**

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Principal Secretary,  
Energy Deptt, Punjab, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No. 5015 of 2022**

**Present:** i) **Shri Jasbir Singh, Appellant-cisco webex.**  
ii) **Shri Harjit Singh, Superintendent/PIO, Energy Department, Punjab,  
Chandigarh, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent- in person.**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 20.06.2022 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 20.07.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 18.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 20.12.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Jasbir Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been received by him.

3. Shri Harjit Singh, Superintendent, O/o Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Punjab comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that the complaint No.113/2021-Ludhiana mentioned in RTI application, has not been found available in the office on checking by the concerned official of the Branch and as such, information as per RTI application could not be given and that the appellant has also been informed in this regard vide letters dated 06.07.2022 and 16.08.2022. He further states that matter regarding the complaint pertains to the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Head Office, PSPCL, Patiala who may be impleaded as Respondent No.2. Accordingly, the PIO O/o Chairman-cum-Managing Director, PSPCL, Patiala is impleaded as Respondent No.2 and directed to supply action taken report to the appellant on his complaint as mentioned in his RTI application. A copy of the RTI application is sent to the PIO.

4. The PIOs O/o Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Punjab, Chandigarh and PIO O/o CMD PSPCL HQs., Patiala are directed to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.

5. The appellant is advised to send a copy of the complaint No.113/2021-Ludhiana to the concerned PIOs as well as to the Commission.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.01.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties. Copy of RTI application be also sent to the PIO O/o CMD PSPCL, Patiala.

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