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Shri Tejinder Singh,Advocate Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

Area Town Planner O/o Estate Officer(Regulatory), Greater Ludhiana Area Development Authority (GLADA), Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

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

....Respondents

AC No.1024 of 2021

Present: (i) Shri Tejinder Singh, Appellant (cisco webex).

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

(Heard through cisco webex)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 20.07.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard. Shri Tejinder Singh comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that no information has been supplied to him.
- 3. Neither the PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana has come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. However, a telephonic message has been received stating that entire staff has been detailed to attend to a public grievance, and hence, it will not be possible for any official from GLADA to attend the hearing and has requested for adjournment.
- 4. On enquiring by the Bench, the appellant states that he had visited the office of GLADA on 05.09.2020, he contacted the Superintendent and Shri Tarun Kumar, Clerk, but he was not entertained and was subjected to unnecessary harassment.

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5. The Bench again directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records and direct Shri Tarun Kumar, Clerk to assist the appellant on his visit to GLADA office in the inspection of records. The PIO is directed to provide information to the appellant as may be identified by him after inspection. He is also directed to ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 31.10.2022 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 Kulbir Pal S/o Shri Assa Ram, R/o Village Kalianpur,

District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Panchayat Secretary, O/o BDPO, Jalandhar (West), Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority O/o. District Development and Panchayat Officer (DDPO), Jalandhar.

...Respondents

AC No.5519/2021

Present: (i) Shri Kulbir Pal, Appellant, in person.

(ii) None on behalf of BDPO Jalandhar (West)/PIO/respondent.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 20.07.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Kulbir Pal, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has received incomplete information as information on point No.2 & 3 is still pending.
- 3. Neither the PIO/Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalianpur, Block Jalandhar (West), has come present in person or through cisco webex nor has anybody appeared on his behalf.
- 4. The Bench observes that during the previous hearing, it was informed by the appellant that Shri Kashmir Singh is the Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalianpur, Block Jalandhar (West), District Jalandhar. Prior to Shri Kashmir Singh, Shri Raj Kumar was the Panchayat Secretary. Shri Raj Kumar, previous Panchayat Secretary whose phone number is available on file, is contacted on his mobile phone who informs that Smt. Neelam Rani is the present Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalianpur. By getting mobile number of BDPO Jalandhar (West), Shri Sandeep Singh, attempts are made to contact him to ascertain the position in this regard as a letter dated 26.08.2022 is available in the case file whereby he has been directed by the DDPO Jalandhar to attend the hearing. However, in spite of repeated attempts, he does not respond.



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- 5. The PIO /present Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalianpur is directed to supply complete information to the appellant on point No.2 and 3 of RTI application of appellant before the next hearing as also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench, failing which, the Bench will be constrained to issue bailable warrant to ensure PIO's presence before the Bench. The PIO is also directed to file fresh affidavit after supplying complete information to the appellant as per directions given during the previous hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 31.10.2022 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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- i) BDPO, Jalandhar (West) with reference to letter dated 26.08.2022 of DDPO Jalandhar. He is directed to look into the matter and ensure that the directions of the Bench are complied with by the PIO in its entirety.
- ii) PIO/ Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Kalianpur, Block Jalandhar (West), District Jalandhar.

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Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, H.No.78/8, Park Road, Navi Mandi, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Engineer, Sub Division, PSPCL, Bhadaur, District Barnala.

(ii)

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Engineer, PSPCL Circle Office, Barnala.

...Respondents

AC No.2247/2022

Present: (i) Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, Appellant.

Shri Lakhbir Singh, AAE, O/o PSPCL Sub Division, Bhadaur, District Barnala, on behalf of the PIO/respondent).

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 20.07.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
- 3. Shri Lakhbir Singh, A.A.E O/o XEN, Sub Division, PSPCL Bhadaur, District Barnala comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the appellant was called for inspection of records on 13.09.2022, but the appellant has not turned up so far.
- 4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has returned from abroad only on 19.09.2022 and thus, could not visit the office of PIO. He also states that information has not been received by him yet.
- 5. The PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The information as is identified by the appellant after inspection of records, be supplied to him before the next hearing. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 31.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, H.No.78/8, Park Road, Navi Mandi, Dhuri, District Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Chief Managing Director, PSPCL, Lower Mall, Patiala.,

First Appellate Authority

O/o Chief Managing Director, PSPCL, Lower Mall, Patiala.

...Respondents

AC No.2249/2022

<u>Present:</u> (i) Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, Appellant.

(ii) Shri Lakhbir Singh, AAE, O/o PSPCL Sub Division, Bhadaur, District Barnala, on behalf of the PIO/respondent).

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 20.07.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex.
- 3. Shri Lakhbir Singh, A.A.E O/o XEN, Sub Division, PSPCL Bhadaur, District Barnala comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex. He states that the appellant was called for inspection of records on 13.09.2022, but the appellant has not turned up so far.
- 4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has returned from abroad only on 19.09.2022 and thus, could not visit the office of PIO. He also states that information has not been received by him yet.
- 5. The Bench observes that during the previous hearing, Shri Sandeep Garg, Sr. XEN, Sub Urban Division, PSPCL, Barnala had come present and he had assured to supply information within two/three days. But no such information has been supplied to the appellant. The PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The information as is identified by the appellant after inspection of records, be supplied to him before the next hearing. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 31.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Mohit Arora, H.No.136, Gali No.5, Sunder Nagar, Amritsar-143001.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

...Respondents

AC No.2298/2022

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Smt. Rohini, Building Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, in person.

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.08.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Mohit Arora, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing either in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
- 3. Smt. Rohini, Building Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar comes present in person before the Bench. She states that reply to the appellant has been sent vide letter dated 16.09.2022 stating that the information cannot be culled out from the record in the manner he has sought vide his RTI application, as to cull out said information, date of application, File No. and G.R. No. etc. are required which have not been stated by the appellant.
- 4. To ascertain the position from the appellant, he is contacted on mobile phone. He is made to talk to Smt. Rohini who explains to him the position regarding supply of information. Then the Bench reads out the contents of letter dated 16.09.2022 to the appellant.
- 5. The Bench advises the appellant to visit the office of PIO. The PIO will allow access to the appellant to relevant official records. The appellant is advised to contact Smt. Rohini who will assist him in identifying the information. The PIO is directed to supply information to the appellant as is identified by him, before the next hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 31.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Darshan Singh S/o Shri Joginder Singh #172, Gurbax Nagar, Chabal Road, Amritsar.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Municipal Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 1075 of 2022

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Smt. Rohini, Building Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, in person.

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 08.08.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Darshan Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex.
- 3. Smt. Rohini, Building Inspector, comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. She states that the previous staff (PIO/APIO) have been placed under suspension and new officials have been posted in their place and are in the process of settling down, as such information could not be supplied. She requests for short adjournment as per request made by the PIO/MTP, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar vide letter dated 20.09.2022.
- 4. Acceding to the request of respondents, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 31.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Bhura Singh C/o Ist Floor, #124, Street No.3, Green Avenue, Bibi Wala Chowk, Bathinda.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Estate Officer, Bathinda Development Authority, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Estate Officer, Bathinda Development Authority, Bathinda.

....Respondents

AC No. 3199 of 2022

Present: (i) Advocate Varun Bansal, on behalf of the Appellant-cisco webex.

(ii) Smt. Balwinder Kaur, Estate Officer/PIO, Shri Harsimran Singh, Senior Assistant and Shri Harmandar Singh, Clerk, B.D.A. Bathinda, PIO/Respondent, in person.

ORDER

(Heard in person/on mobile phone)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.08.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Bhura Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. He has sent letter dated 21.09.2022 by e.mail authorising Shri Varun Bansal, Advocate to represent him in the appeal case, who attends the hearing through cisco webex.
- 3. Smt. Balwinder Kaur, Estate Officer/PIO, Shri Harsimran Singh, Senior Assistant and Shri Harmandar Singh, Clerk, B.D.A. Bathinda, come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. Smt. Balwinder Kaur/PIO states that the information sought by the appellant relates to Land Acquisition Collector, B.D.A. Bathinda and the appellant was given reply on 28.05.2022 to this effect. He has again been given reply vide letter dated 13.09.2022 by registered post, as forwarded by Land Acquisition Collector, Bathinda vide letter dated 06.09.2022, stating that the information sought on Point Nos.1 to 6 is in question form and since the information sought relates back to the year 1984 and is not specific, hence cannot be given. However, the appellant can visit the office of PIO on any working day and seek any specific details.

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4. Shri Varun Bansal, Advocate, representative of appellant states that the appellant has

received reply dated 13.09.2022 whereby the appellant has been denied information stating that the same is

in question form. He states that the appellant has sought information with regard to writ petition and the PIO

be asked to supply the same.

5. The Bench, on perusal of RTI application, does not agree with the contention of the PIO

regarding the information being in question form. The Bench directs the PIO to make efforts to look for the

relevant records and give point-wise reply to the appellant before the next hearing. In case the relevant record

is not available, the PIO is directed to file an affidavit on e-stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested

by the Notary Public to the effect that the information sought by the appellant in AC No.3199/2022 relates

back to the year 1984 and being old record, has not been traced in spite of best efforts. It be further stated

that nothing has been concealed and the statement made is correct. The original affidavit be sent to the

appellant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
The Bench also directs the appellant

to come present in person before the Bench.

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

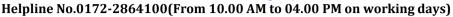
31.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the

concerned parties.

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Shri Surinderpal Singh S/o Late Shri Babu Singh R/o 4780. Shivaii Nagar. Ludhiana-141010.

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o GLADA, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority O/o GLADA, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3631 of 2022

Shri Tejinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant- cisco webex. Present: (i)

None on behalf of PIO/Respondent (ii)

ORDER:

- The RTI application is dated 29.12.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as 1. enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 11.04.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 05.08.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- The notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 21.09.2022. Accordingly, the case has been heard today. Shri Surinderpal Singh, appellant has not come present in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex. However, Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocates attends the hearing on behalf of the appellant. He states that no information has been supplied to the appellant.
- 3. Neither the PIO O/o GLADA, Ludhiana has come present in person before the Bench to attend the hearing nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. However, a telephonic message has been received stating that the entire staff has been detailed to attend to a public grievance and thus, it will not be possible for any official from GLADA to attend the hearing and has requested for adjournment.
- Acceding to the request of the PIO made through telephonic message, the matter is adjourned. However, the PIO is directed to supply requisite information to the appellant before the next hearing as also ensure to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 31.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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

....Appellant



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Shri Mangal Singh
#296, SJS Avenue, Ajnala Road,
Opp. Union Bank of India,
Amritsar

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority O/o Joint Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

....Respondents

Complaint Case No.175/2022 converted into Appeal Case No.175/2022

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/respondent..

ORDER

- 1. The aforesaid appeal case was remanded back by this Bench to First Appellate Authority i.e. Joint Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar vide order dated 19.07.2022. But the appellant has filed Second Appeal vide e.mail dated 17.08.2022. However, it has not been clarified whether the First Appellate Authority has heard the appellant in the case remanded back or not.
- 2. According to the request of appellant, his Complaint Case has been converted into Appeal Case. Accordingly, the notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 21.09.2022. The case has been heard today. Shri Mangal Singh, complainant has not come present in person before the Bench or through cisco webex. He has, however, sent an e.mail dated 16.09.2022 stating that he is unable to attend the hearing as he is suffering from Allergic Bronchitis and has further stated that he has not received any response from the PIO or the First Appellate Authority.
- 3. Neither the PIO O/o Municipal Corporation, Amritsar has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench or through cisco webex nor any intimation has been received from the PIO to this effect.
- 4. In the absence of the appellant as well as the PIO, the Bench is unable to proceed further in the matter and deems it appropriate to adjourn the matter.
- 5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 31.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri Hardev Singh Retired Addl. Chief Administrator, PUDA, R/o Flat BoB-7, Dolphin Towers, Sector-78, Mohali. PSIC OF THE PRICE OF THE PRICE

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA) Mohali.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Assistant Estate Officer Jalandhar Development Authority (JDA) SCO 41, PUDA Complex, Ladowali Road, Jalandhar.

...Respondents

CC No.224/2022 converted into AC No.224/2022

Present: (i) Shri Hardev Singh, Appellant, in person.

(ii) None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

- 1. The aforesaid appeal case was remanded back by this Bench to First Appellate Authority i.e. Assistant Estate Officer, Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar vide order dated 30.06.2022. But the appellant vide his letter dated 09.08.2022 has alleged non compliance of the orders of Commission by the First Appellate Authority, as such, this request of appellant has been treated as Second Appeal.
- 2. According to the request of appellant as per letter dated 09.08.2022, his Complaint Case has been converted into Appeal Case. Accordingly, the notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 21.09.2022. The case has been heard today. Shri Hardev Singh, appellant comes present in person before the Bench and states that he has not received any information so far.
- 3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through Cisco Webex.
- 4. The Bench, on perusal of case file, observes that in the hearing in CC No.224/2022, Shri Pawan Kumar, SDO (PH)/PIO had come present on 30.06.2022 when the complaint case was remanded back to the First Appellate Authority, J.D.A. Jalandhar. A letter dated 05.09.2022 is also available in the case file whereby PUDA, S.A.S. Nagar has directed the PIO, J.D.A. Jalandhar to attend the hearing. In spite of that, the PIO has not come present to attend the hearing. This attitude of PIO is viewed adversely.



-2- CC No.224/2022 converted into AC No.224/2022

5. The PIO O/o Jalandhar Development Authority, Jalandhar 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 for not supplying requisite

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, 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.

7. The PIO is directed to supply requisite information to the appellant before the next hearing as

also to ensure to come present in person before the Bench, failing which, the penal consequences shall

follow.

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

31.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Copies of the order be sent to the

concerned parties.

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Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, H.No.78/8, Park Road, Navi Mandi, Dhuri, District Sangrur

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Engineer/
Sub Divisional Officer,
Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.
Bhadaur, District Barnala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Chief Engineer, Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. Circle Office, Barnala.

...Respondents

AC No.970/2022

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.

(ii) Shri Lakhbir Singh, Assistant Executive Engineer, Sub Division, PSPCL, Bhadaur, District Barnala, on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 02.08.2022 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
- 2. The case has been heard today. Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. The appellant states that he has received information only on Pont No.1 and information on point No.2 & 3 has not been supplied yet.
- 3. Shri Lakhbir Singh, Assistant Executive Engineer, Sub Division, PSPCL, Bhadaur, District Barnala, comes present to attend the hearing through cisco webex on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He states that the appellant was called for inspection of records to identify the information but no response has been received from him.
- 4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has returned only on 19.09.2022 from abroad and thus, could not visit the office of PIO.

- 5. The PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The information as is identified by the appellant after inspection of records, be supplied to him before the next hearing. He is also directed to come present in person before the Bench on the next hearing.
- 6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 31.10.2022 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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