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Sh. Gurmej Lal, Activist,
Whistle Blower, VP, NCAG Office
Street No. 5, # 1331-5, Vishawkarma Bhawan
Down Canal Road, Simlapuri, Ludhiana

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Commissioner, MC, (Zone-C)
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Commissioner, MC,
Ludhiana

.....Respondent

AC No. 483 of 2023

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This case was earlier head by the former SIC Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 18.07.2023. However, since former SIC Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.12.2023 i.e. today.

2. The perusal of the file shows that a show cause notice was issued to the respondent before the bench of former SIC, Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma on 16.03.2023. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has sent his submissions via mail, which is taken on record. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, hence one more opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

3. To come up on **09.02.2024 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

State Information Commissioner

Punjab

Date : 13th December, 2023

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Ms Amarjeet Kaur Bajwa, (M-9815400623)

W/o Sh Rajinder Singh Sibia,

House No 47J,

Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana-141001

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o MC, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o MC, Ludhiana

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 784 of 2023

Present :- (i) Ms Amarjeet Kaur Bajwa, appellant
(ii) None for the respondent

ORDER

This case was earlier heard by the Ld. State Information Commissioner Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 31.07.2023. However, since the Ld. State Information Commissioner has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.12.2023 i.e today.

2. The appellant states that she has not received any information till date.
3. No one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today.
4. The perusal of the case file shows that no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent today. The respondent-PIO has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. However, as directed in the previous hearing, the respondent has not even provided the information to the appellant.

In view of the above, **PIO- O/o MC, Ludhiana**, to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the

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Appellant be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission 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.

5. To come up on **07.02.2024 at 12:00PM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated:13.12.2023

Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
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Ankit Sehgal
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Pathankot (Punjab)
(M.-9888625152)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Civil Surgeon,
Gurdaspur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Deputy Director,
Health and Family Welfare, Punjab,
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan,
Sector 34 – A, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 966 of 2023

Present : Sh. Ankit Sehgal , the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. This case was earlier heard on 29.09.2023 and none of the parties was present and an opportunity was given to both the parties to represent this case.
3. The appellant, Sh. Ankit Sehgal , appeared in person in today's hearing.
4. Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Moreover, he (the respondent PIO) has not sent any document showing that the information has been supplied to the appellant. It reflects that after a lapse of more than one year, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker.
5. After seeing such a casual conduct of the concerned respondent PIO, a compensation of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is awarded to the appellant, Sh. Ankit Sehgal. The compensation amount shall be paid from the bank account of public authority concerned not from the individual official.
6. Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information and file a point-wise reply to each and every query raised through RTI request. He is also directed to appear in person on the next date.
7. With this, the case is adjourned to 7th February, 2024 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sr. Medical Officer,
Civil Hospital, Batala
Distt. – Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Civil Surgeon,
Gurdaspur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2708 of 2023

Present : Sh. Ankit Sehgal, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Bhavesh Sekhri, P.S.A Operator (M.-8360008245) ;
ii) Sh. Stephen Masih, P.S.A Operator(M.-9780798042), for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. This case was earlier heard on 29.09.2023 and none of the parties was present and an opportunity was given to both the parties to represent this case.

3. Sh. Bhavesh Sekhri and Sh. Stephen Masih, both P.S.A Operators, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

4. The appellant, Sh. Ankit Sehgal, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimates that incomplete information has been given to him and whatever information has been given is unattested. He also orally points out the deficiencies during the hearing.

5. As after a lapse of more than ten months, complete information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker, hence, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer of office of Sr. Medical Officer, Civil Hospital, Batala, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under provisions of the RTI Act.

6. An opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information (as pointed out by the appellant during the hearing) alongwith annexure . He is also directed to remain present in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing or it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 7th February, 2024 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.**
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
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Tejinder Singh Doaba,
Civil Courts, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur - 144410 (Punjab)
(90410-04313)

....Appellant

V/s

i) Sh. Gurmel Singh, Ad. O ,
(Regd. Post) -cum- Public Information Officer,
O/o Estate Officer(Regulatory),
G. L. A. D. A., Ludhiana (Punjab)

ii) Public Information Officer,
(Regd. Post) O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
(Encl:RTI) Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Administrator,
G. L. A. D. A., Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1024 of 2023

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh Doaba, the appellant in person.
Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Senior Assistant (M.-9814822881) , for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The above-mentioned appeal-case was earlier heard by the bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 01.08.2023 and vide an Office Order was re-allocated to the Bench of the under-signed for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 13.12.2023.

3. Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has already been given to the appellant. He also hands over a cheque of Rs. 10,000/- as compensation amount (which was awarded vide orders dated 02.03.2023) to the appellant during the hearing. He also submits a reply dated 13.12.2023 intimating that information does not relate with his office. The reply dated 13.12.2023 and a copy of the cheque is taken on record.

4. The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh Doaba, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information given is not as per queries raised through request.

5. After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that vide orders dated 01.08.2023, PIO office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana was impleaded as necessary party in this case but copy of the order dated 01.08.2023 could not sent to him.

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6. Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent to PIO office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (as respondent No. 02) alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised (whichever query/queries relates to their office) through RTI request with a copy to the Commission, by the next date of hearing. He is also directed to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing fixed or 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 (Sh. Gurmel Singh, Ad. O) office of G. L. A. D. A., Ludhiana is also directed to represent this case in person.

8. With this, the case is adjourned to 7th February, 2024 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date :13th December, 2023

(Encl:RTI)

Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
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Amritsar – 143001
(M.-9876855942)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sr. Executive Engineer,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
Amritsar(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Deputy S. E.,
City Circle, P.S.P.C.L.(Commercial),
Hall Gate, Amritsar(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Chief Engineer,
Pb. State Power Corporation Ltd.
Border Zone,
Amritsar(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1062 of 2023

Present : Sh. Mohinder Pal , the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Baljit Singh, A.E.(M.-9646113262) ;
ii) Sh. Bacchittar Singh, LM(M.-9646124365);
iii) Sh. Manpreet Singh, A.S.E.(M.E.) (M.-9646119077) ;
iv) Sh. Neeraj Sharma, A.E.E.(M.-9646119087)for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. The above-mentioned appeal-case was earlier heard by the bench of Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 25.07.2023 and vide an Office Order was re-allocated to the Bench of the under-signed for further hearing/hearings. Accordingly, the case is fixed for hearing for today i. e. 13.12.2023.

3. The appellant, Sh. Mohinder Pal , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that satisfactory reply or information has not been given to him by the PIO.

4. Sh. Baljit Singh, A.E., Sh. Bacchittar Singh, LM, Sh. Manpreet Singh, A.S.E.(M.E.) and Sh. Neeraj Sharma, A.E.E., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that replies have already been given in this case, intimating that the information sought is not available in their offices. A reply dated 13.12.2023 has also been submitted during the hearing, intimating that the information sought relates with office of PIO office of Deputy S. E., City Circle, P.S.P.C.L.(Commercial), Amritsar. It is taken on record.

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Appeal Case No. 1062 of 2023

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5. As the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of PIO office of Deputy S. E., City Circle, P.S.P.C.L.(Commercial), Amritsar, hence, Public Information Officer office of PIO office of Deputy S. E., City Circle, P.S.P.C.L.(Commercial), Amritsar be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to file a point-wise reply to each and every query raised by the appellant through RTI request. He is also directed to remain present in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post.

6. The above-mentioned four representatives, who came from of Technical Wing and Operations Wing are exempted from personal appearance in further hearing of this case.

7. With this, the case is **adjourned to 7th February, 2024 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Sh. Pawan Kumar Verma,
S/o Late Sh. Baldev Raj, R/o House No. 347 A
Surya Enclave, Near Ekta Nagar
Railway Fatak, Jalandhar - 144009

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Jalandhar -1

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Jalandhar -1

.....Respondent

AC No. 1202 of 2023

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This case was earlier head by the former SIC Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 19.07.2023. However, since former SIC Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.12.2023 i.e. today.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, hence one more opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

3. To come up on **09.02.2024 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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Surya Enclave, Near Ekta Nagar
Railway Fatak, Jalandhar - 144009

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Tehsildar, Jalandhar -1

First Appellate Authority,
O/o SDM, Jalandhar -1

.....Respondent

AC No. 1204 of 2023

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This case was earlier head by the former SIC Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 19.07.2023. However, since former SIC Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.12.2023 i.e. today.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. This is the first date of hearing before the undersigned, hence one more opportunity is given to them to appear before the Commission and state their case. It is made clear that in case both the parties do not appear on the next date of hearing , appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.

3. To come up on **09.02.2024 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)

**State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Date : 13th December, 2023

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C-118, East Mohan Nagar,
Chamrang Road, Amritsar
(M-9814646309)

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o MC, Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2056 of 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Brahmjot Singh, Clerk (8360884878)

ORDER

This case was earlier heard by the Ld. State Information Commissioner Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 31.07.2023. However, since the Ld. State Information Commissioner has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.12.2023 i.e today.

2. The Appellant is not present today.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. However, they have failed to file any point-wise specific reply. Hence, the respondent-PIO is directed to be present on the next date of hearing along with point-wise specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. Further, the appellant is also directed to present personally on

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Appeal Case No. 2056 of 2023

the next date of hearing and state his case, failing which appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed. To come up on up on 09.02.2024 at 12:00PM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :13.12.2023

Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Chamrang Road, Amritsar
(M-9814646309)

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o MC, Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2060 of 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Brahmjot Singh, Clerk (8360884878)

ORDER

This case was earlier heard by the Ld. State Information Commissioner Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 31.07.2023. However, since the Ld. State Information Commissioner has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.12.2023 i.e today.

2. The Appellant is not present today.

3. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is third-party information hence, the same cannot be provided u/s 8(i)(j) of the Act. They have also filed their reply regarding the same.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is third-party information. I have gone through the RTI application of the appellant and have ascertained that the information sought by the appellant at point no. 2, 3 and 4 is not third-party information.

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Appeal Case No. 2060 of 2023

Hence, I overrule the contention of the respondent and direct them to provide information pertaining to point no's 2, 3 and 4 to the appellant on the next date of hearing. To come up on up on **09.02.2024 at 12:00PM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :13.12.2023

Sd/-
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... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o MC, Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2061 of 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Brahmjot Singh, Clerk (8360884878)

ORDER

This case was earlier heard by the Ld. State Information Commissioner Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 31.07.2023. However, since the Ld. State Information Commissioner has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.12.2023 i.e today.

2. The Appellant is not present today.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. However, they have failed to file any point-wise specific reply. Hence, the respondent-PIO is directed to be present on the next date of hearing along with point-wise specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. Further, the appellant is also directed to present personally on

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Appeal Case No. 2061 of 2023

the next date of hearing and state his case, failing which appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed. To come up on up on 09.02.2024 at 12:00PM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :13.12.2023

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(M-9814646309)

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o MC, Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2062 of 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Brahmjot Singh, Clerk (8360884878)

ORDER

This case was earlier heard by the Ld. State Information Commissioner Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 31.07.2023. However, since the Ld. State Information Commissioner has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.12.2023 i.e today.

2. The Appellant is not present today.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. However, they have failed to file any point-wise specific reply. Hence, the respondent-PIO is directed to be present on the next date of hearing along with point-wise specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. Further, the appellant is also directed to present personally on

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the next date of hearing and state his case, failing which appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed. To come up on up on 09.02.2024 at 12:00PM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :13.12.2023

Sd/-
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(M-9814646309)

... Appellant

Versus

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O/o MC, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o MC, Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2063 of 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Brahmjot Singh, Clerk (8360884878)

ORDER

This case was earlier heard by the Ld. State Information Commissioner Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 31.07.2023. However, since the Ld. State Information Commissioner has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.12.2023 i.e today.

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Dated :13.12.2023

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... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o MC, Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2064 of 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Brahmjot Singh, Clerk (8360884878)

ORDER

This case was earlier heard by the Ld. State Information Commissioner Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 31.07.2023. However, since the Ld. State Information Commissioner has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.12.2023 i.e today.

2. The Appellant is not present today.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. However, they have failed to file any point-wise specific reply. Hence, the respondent-PIO is directed to be present on the next date of hearing along with point-wise specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. Further, the appellant is also directed to present personally on

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the next date of hearing and state his case, failing which appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed. To come up on up on 09.02.2024 at 12:00PM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :13.12.2023

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... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o MC, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority

O/o MC, Amritsar

2. Public Information Officer,

O/o Supdt, General Branch,

O/o MC, Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2065 of 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Brahmjot Singh, Clerk (8360884878)

ORDER

This case was earlier heard by the Ld. State Information Commissioner Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 31.07.2023. However, since the Ld. State Information Commissioner has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.12.2023 i.e today.

2. The Appellant is not present today.

3. The respondent states that the information sought by the appellant is related to PIO O/o Supdt, General Branch, MC, Amritsar and that they have forwarded the RTI of the appellant to them.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present. The respondent states that the information is related to PIO O/o Supdt, General Branch, MC, Amritsar. Hence, I order that PIO O/o Supdt, General Branch, MC, Amritsar be impleaded as Respondent no. 2. Further, respondent no. 2 is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing along with the complete information and specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. To come up on **09.02.2024 at 12:00PM** in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
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Dated :13.12.2023

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(M-9814646309)

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,
O/o MC, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o MC, Amritsar

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2068 of 2023

Present :- (i) None for the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh Brahmjot Singh, Clerk (8360884878)

ORDER

This case was earlier heard by the Ld. State Information Commissioner Lt. Gen. Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd.) on 31.07.2023. However, since the Ld. State Information Commissioner has demitted his office on the completion of his tenure on 04.08.2023, the case has been re-allocated to the Bench of the undersigned. Accordingly, notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.12.2023 i.e today.

2. The Appellant is not present today.

3. The respondent states that the information has already been provided to the appellant.

4. The perusal of the case file shows that the appellant is not present today. He has not even bothered to inform the Commission about his absence. The respondent states that the information has been provided to the appellant. However, they have failed to file any point-wise specific reply. Hence, the respondent-PIO is directed to be present on the next date of hearing along with point-wise specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the appellant. Further, the appellant is also directed to present personally on

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the next date of hearing and state his case, failing which appropriate orders in his absence shall be passed. To come up on up on 09.02.2024 at 12:00PM in the Commission office. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated :13.12.2023

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(M. 9780150888)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The PUNGRAIN,
2nd Floor, Distt. Admn. Complex,
Sangrur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The PUNGRAIN,
Anaj Bhawan, Sector 39-C,
Chandigarh - 160036 (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3944 of 2022

Present : Sh. Shivam Goyal (M.-9653822888) , on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Saurabh Gupta, A. F. S. O.(M.-8968384244) ;
ii) Sh. Yogesh Goyal, Junior Auditor(M.-9256558030), for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. This case was earlier heard on 06.10.2023.
3. Sh. Saurabh Gupta, A. F. S. O., who appeared with Sh. Yogesh Goyal, Junior Auditor , in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.
4. Sh. Shivam Goyal , who appeared on behalf of the appellant., Sh. Ashok Kumar in today's hearing, states that intimates that incomplete information has been given to him and he hands over the deficiencies to the representatives of the PIO during the hearing.
5. Accordingly, directions are hereby given to the respondent PIO to supply the required information (after removing the deficiencies pointed out during hearing) except third party information, if any, to the appellant.
6. As the respondent PIO, Sh. Gurpreet Singh, D.F.S.O., has not filed his reply to show cause issued to him vide orders dated 06.10.2023, hence, another opportunity is given to the PIO to file his reply to the show cause issued vide orders dated 06.10.2023, failing which action would be taken against him as per provisions of the RTI Act. He is also directed to appear in person on the next date fixed.

With this, the case is **adjourned to 7th February, 2024 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :13th December, 2023

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Sh. Kuldip Kumar, # 3261
Rattan Singh Chowk,
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(7814348489)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director Health and Family Welfare, Punjab
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34A
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director Health and Family Welfare, Punjab
Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34A
Chandigarh

.....Respondent

AC No. 4091 of 2023

Present : None for the parties.

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.10.2023, vide which the respondent was not present and copy of deficiencies, as sent by the appellant was sent to the respondent.

2. Today neither the appellant nor the respondent is present. The appellant has requested for online hearings of his case. He has also sent his deficiencies through email.

3. Since, the respondent is not present, one last opportunity is given to him to appear before the Commission and state his case, failing which action under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act 2005 will be initiated. ***The appellant will be contacted on phone on the next date of hearing.***

4. To come up on **09.02.2024 at 12.00 PM** for further proceedings in the Commission. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
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Date : 13th December, 2023

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Guru Nanak Nagar,
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P.O. Ramgarh, District – Ludhiana - 141123(Punjab)
(M.-98882-96107)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Food Civil Supplies &
Consumer Affairs, Punjab,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Food Civil Supplies &
Consumer Affairs, Punjab,
Pb. Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 4737 of 2023

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Narinder Singh, D.F.S.O., Khanna (M.-9872724564) ;
ii) Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, Inspector (M.-9915608100) , on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard in the Commission.

2. This case was earlier heard on 29.09.2023.
3. Sh. Narinder Singh, D.F.S.O., Khanna who appeared with Sh. Arvinder Pal Singh, Inspector , in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant and also hands over the same to the appellant during the hearing. He also submits a reply dated 11.12.2023 to the Commission. It is taken on record.
4. The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, intimates that incomplete information has been given to him and orally points out the deficiencies to the respondent PIO.
5. Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to supply the remaining information (as pointed out by the appellant during the hearing) alongwith annexure by the next date of hearing.
6. With this, the case is **adjourned to 7th February, 2024 at 12:00 P. M. for hearing.**
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date :13th December, 2023

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Sh. Sukhdev Singh,

S/o Sh. Kajan Singh, Village Bhani
Ramdayal, PO Butala, Tehsil Baba Bakala
Distt. Amritsar – 143203 (9872210098)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,

O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Block Raiyya, District Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Amritsar.

.....Respondent

AC No. 4760 of 2023

Present : (i) Sh. Sukhdev Singh the appellant alongwith Sh.Nirmal Singh
(ii) For the respondent : None is present on behalf of the respondent

ORDER

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 09.10.2023, vide which a show cause notice was issued to the respondent –PIO, Office of BDPO, Raiyya, Distt. Amritsar.

2. The appellant states that certified information has not been given to him so far.
3. The respondent is absent today. He has not informed the Commission about his absence for today's hearing.
4. The perusal of the file shows that during the hearing dated 09.10.2023, a show cause notice was issued to the respondent-PIO, but till today neither the respondent has bothered to appear before the Commission nor he has filed any reply to the show cause notice. Hence, it is derived that the respondent-PIO is intentionally delaying the supply of information and he has no respect for the orders of the Commission to be present, either himself or through his representative in the Court.
4. In view of the defying attitude of the respondent-PIO neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the delay in supplying the information within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the commission comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 25000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) on the PIO.

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AC No. 4760 of 2023

However, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of **Rs. 5,000/- (Rs. Five thousands only) on PIO, o/o BDPO, Raiya, Distt. Amritsar**. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of DDPO, Amritsar is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 5,000/- from the salary of **PIO, o/o BDPO, Raiya, Distt. Amritsar** and deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next date of hearing:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services
60 other Services
800-Other Receipts
86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

5. Further, the Respondent-PIO is directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing alongwith the complete information.
6. To come up on **09.02.2024 at 11.00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Date: 13th December, 2023

Sd/-
(Amrit Partap Singh Sekhon)
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CC:

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