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Shri Kuldip Kumar, (78143-48489)
H. No. 3261, Rattan Singh Chowk,
FGC Road, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Senior Environment Engineer,
PPCB, Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4794 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Kuldip Kumar, appellant through webex**
(ii) **Shri Anish Sharma, Assistant Environmental Engineer (9041887743) O/o PPCB, Amritsar, in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 26.04.2022 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 21.06.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Anish Kumar, AEE states that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 24.05.2022 through ordinary post and later appellant had filed First Appeal before the First Appellate Authority. The appellant however never appeared before the First Appellate Authority for hearing on 14.07.2022 as well as not on 26.07.2022 and consequently the case was disposed off by the First Appellate Authority.

3. Shri Kuldip Kumar, appellant states that no information or document have been supplied to him and further requests the court to go through the letter number 2535 dated 28.07.2022 (already attached by the appellant while filing the case before the Commission) which has been sent to him by the department, which is seen and taken on record.

4. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to send the point wise attested copies of information again to the appellant through registered post and further Shri Anish Sharma, AEE is directed to call the appellant and discuss about the RTI application for clarifying the facts of this case. The Bench also directs the PIO to supply the copy of postal receipt for having supplied information to the appellant; to the Bench before the next hearing. He is also directed to appear before the Bench along with the official record on the next hearing.

5. The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied input and point out the deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of the information. The Appellant is also directed to attend the next hearing positively failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case may be decided



based on documents available on file.

6. **With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Both the concerned parties are directed to attend the hearing on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 am before the Bench at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
22.12.2022**

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

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Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma (9855890233),
R/o New Sharma Furniture House,
Pratao Bazaar, Cheratta, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Improvement Trust,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (Urban Development),
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4870 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through cisco webex**
(ii) **Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant (9914002711) from O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 21.10.2021 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 13.12.2021 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 case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant requests for an adjournment relating to the case.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench accepts the request made by the respondent during the hearing. The Bench directs the PIO to send point wise attested copies of information to the appellant through registered post and supply the copy of postal receipt to the Bench before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to appear before the Bench along with official record on the next hearing.
5. The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information and point out the deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of the information. The Appellant is also directed to attend the next hearing positively failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case may be decided based on documents available on file.
6. **With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Both the concerned parties are directed to attend the hearing on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 am before the Bench at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Improvement Trust,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (Urban Development),
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4872 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through cisco webex**
(ii) **Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant (9914002711) from O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 21.10.2021 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 13.12.2021 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 case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant requests for an adjournment relating to the case.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench accepts the request made by the respondent during the hearing. The Bench directs the PIO to send point wise attested copies of information to the appellant through registered post and supply the copy of postal receipt to the Bench before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to appear before the Bench along with official records on the next hearing.
5. The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied input and point out the deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of the information. The Appellant is also directed to attend the next hearing positively failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case may be decided based on documents available on file.
6. **With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Both the concerned parties are directed to attend the hearing on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 am before the Bench at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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R/o New Sharma Furniture House,
Pratao Bazaar, Cheratta, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Improvement Trust,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (Urban Development),
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4871 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through cisco webex**
(ii) **Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant (9914002711) from O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 21.10.2021 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 13.12.2021 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 case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant requests for an adjournment relating to the case.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench accepts the request made by the respondent during the hearing. The Bench directs the PIO to send point wise attested copies of information to the appellant through registered post and supply the copy of postal receipt to the Bench before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to appear before the Bench along with official record on the next hearing.
5. The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information and point out the deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of the information. The Appellant is also directed to attend the next hearing positively failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case may be decided based on documents available on file.
6. **With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Both the concerned parties are directed to attend the hearing on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 am before the Bench at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma (9855890233),
R/o New Sharma Furniture House,
Pratao Bazaar, Cheratta, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Improvement Trust,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (Urban Development),
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4874 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through cisco webex**
(ii) **Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant (9914002711) from O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 21.10.2021 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 13.12.2021 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 case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant requests for an adjournment relating to the case.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench accepts the request made by the respondent during the hearing. The Bench directs the PIO to send point wise attested copies of information to the appellant through registered post and supply the copy of postal receipt to the Bench before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to appear before the Bench along with the official record on the next hearing.
5. The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information and point out the deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of the information. The Appellant is also directed to attend the next hearing positively failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case may be decided based on documents available on file.
6. **With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Both the concerned parties are directed to attend the hearing on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 am before the Bench at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Pratao Bazaar, Cheratta, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Improvement Trust,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (Urban Development),
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4873 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through cisco webex**
(ii) **Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant (9914002711) from O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 21.10.2021 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 13.12.2021 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 case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.

3. Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant requests for an adjournment relating to the case.

4. Post deliberations, the Bench accepts the request made by the respondent during the hearing. The Bench directs the PIO to send point wise attested copies of information to the appellant through registered post and supply the copy of postal receipt to the Bench before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to appear before the Bench along with official record on the next hearing.

5. The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information and point out the deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of the information. The Appellant is also directed to attend the next hearing positively failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case may be decided based on documents available on file.

6. **With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Both the concerned parties are directed to attend the hearing on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 am before the Bench at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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R/o New Sharma Furniture House,
Pratao Bazaar, Cheratta, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Improvement Trust,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADC (Urban Development),
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 5177 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through cisco webex**
(ii) **Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant (9914002711) from O/o Improvement Trust, Amritsar, in person.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 21.10.2021 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 13.12.2021 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. Shri Paramjit Singh, Junior Assistant requests for an adjournment relating to the case.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench accepts the request made by the respondent during the hearing. The Bench directs the PIO to send point wise attested copies of information to the appellant through registered post and supply the copy of postal receipt to the Bench before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to appear before the Bench along with official record on the next hearing.
5. The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied information and point out the deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of the information. The Appellant is also directed to attend the next hearing positively failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case may be decided based on documents available on file.
6. **With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Both the concerned parties are directed to attend the hearing on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 am before the Bench at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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22.12.2022

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R/o New Sharma Furniture House,
Pratao Bazaar, Cheratta, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

(Regd. Post) O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4936 of 2022

Present:

- (i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through cisco webex**
(ii) **Respondent: Absent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 11.04.2022 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 16.05.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.

3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.

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5. In view of the foregoing, respondent **PIO, O/o MC, Amritsar is directed 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 wilful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

6. 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. A copy of RTI application be sent to the PIO along with this order through registered post.

7. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. Commissioner, MC, Amritsar through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.



8. The Bench directs the PIO to supply point wise attested copies of information to Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through registered post and submit a copy of same to the undersigned bench by the next hearing.

9. The PIO concerned is directed to appear in person along with official records, on the next date of hearing at the Commission.

10. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
22.12.2022

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

Show Cause:

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

{ Encl. RTI application }

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

(Regd. Post) O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4937 of 2022

Present:

- (i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through webex**
(ii) **Respondent: Absent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 11.04.2022 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 16.05.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.

3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.

4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as no information stands supplied and nobody appears from the department to represent this case in today's hearing.

5. In view of the foregoing, respondent **PIO, O/o MC, Amritsar is directed 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 wilful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

6. 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. A copy of RTI application be sent to the PIO along with this order through registered post.

7. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. Commissioner, MC, Amritsar through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.

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8. The Bench directs the PIO to supply point wise attested copies of information to Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through registered post and submit a copy of same to the undersigned bench by the next hearing.

9. The PIO concerned is directed to appear in person along with official records, on the next date of hearing at the Commission.

10. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
22.12.2022**

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

Show Cause:

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

{ Encl. RTI application }

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

(Regd. Post) O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4938 of 2022

Present:

- (i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through webex**
(ii) **Respondent: Absent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 11.04.2022 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 16.05.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.

3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.

4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as no information stands supplied and nobody appears from the department to represent this case in today's hearing.

5. In view of the foregoing, respondent **PIO, O/o MC, Amritsar is directed 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 wilful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

6. 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. A copy of RTI application be sent to the PIO along with this order through registered post.

7. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. Commissioner, MC, Amritsar through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.

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8. The Bench directs the PIO to supply point wise attested copies of information to Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through registered post and submit a copy of same to the undersigned Bench by the next hearing.

9. The PIO concerned is directed to appear in person along with official records, on the next date of hearing at the Commission.

10. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 02.02.2023 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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Sd/-
**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma (Retd))
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

Show Cause:

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O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

{ Encl. RTI application }

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Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma (9855890233),
R/o New Sharma Furniture House,
Pratao Bazaar, Cheratta, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

(Regd. Post) O/o Commissioner, Municipal Corporation,
Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4939 of 2022

Present:

- (i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through cisco webex**
(ii) **Respondent: Absent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 11.04.2022 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 16.05.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.

3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.

4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as no information stands supplied and nobody appears from the department to represent this case in today's hearing.

5. In view of the foregoing, respondent **PIO, O/o MC, Amritsar is directed 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 wilful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

6. 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. A copy of RTI application be sent to the PIO along with this order through registered post.

7. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. Commissioner, MC, Amritsar through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.

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8. The Bench directs the PIO to supply point wise attested copies of information to Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through registered post and submit a copy of same to the undersigned Bench by the next hearing.

9. The PIO concerned is directed to appear in person along with official records, on the next date of hearing at the Commission.

10. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
22.12.2022**

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

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First Appellate Authority

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Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4844 of 2022

Present:

- (i) **Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through cisco webex**
(ii) **Respondent: Absent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 03.10.2022 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 12.10.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 02.11.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.

3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. A phone call has been received from the department's office i.e. Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Building Inspector to the bench of undersigned vide which the concerned person was requesting for an adjournment in this present case due to certain death in her family.

4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as no information stands supplied and nobody appears from the department to represent this case in today's hearing.

5. In view of the foregoing, respondent **PIO, O/o MC, Amritsar is directed 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 wilful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the appellant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

6. 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. A copy of RTI application be sent to the PIO along with this order through registered post.

7. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. Commissioner, MC, Amritsar

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through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.

8. The Bench directs the PIO to supply point wise attested copies of information to Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, appellant through registered post and submit a copy of same to the undersigned Bench by the next hearing.

9. The PIO concerned is directed to appear in person along with official records, on the next date of hearing at the Commission.

10. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 02.02.2023 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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22.12.2022**

Sd/-
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S/o Shri Tarsem Sharma,
R/o H. No. 1625 /A, Hukamchand Colony, Azar Nagar,
Azad Road, Chheharta, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o MC, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Commissioner,
MC, Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No. 4793 of 2022

Present: (i) **Shri Arun Sharma, appellant in person.**
(ii) **Respondent: Absent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 12.07.2022 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 23.08.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 12.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Arun Sharma, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.

3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench nor through cisco webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO.

4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach of the Respondent / PIO, as information has still not been supplied. Nobody appears from the department to represent this case for today's hearing.

5. In view of the foregoing, respondent **PIO, O/o MC, Amritsar is directed 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 wilful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

6. 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. A copy of RTI application be sent to the PIO along with this order through registered post.

7. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. Commissioner, MC, Amritsar



through registered post for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.

8. The Bench directs the PIO to supply point wise attested copies of information to Shri Arun Sharma, appellant through registered post and submit a copy of same to the undersigned bench before the next hearing.

9. The PIO concerned is directed to appear in person along with information supplied and related documents, on the next date of hearing at the Commission.

10. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **Both the concerned parties are directed to come up for hearing on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
22.12.2022

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Shri Diyal Singh S/o Shri Balwant Singh,
Village Chhak Bajida, Tehsil Jalalabad,
District Fazilka.

.....Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Fazilka.

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Fazilka.

....Respondents

AC No. 4829 of 2022

Present: (i) **Appellant: Absent.**
(ii) **Respondent : Absent.**

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 17.03.2022 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 23.06.2022 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case has been heard today in the Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Diyal Singh, appellant is absent.

3. None is present from the department also.

4. After going through the case file, it has been observed that an email has been received by the Bench in which a letter dated 19.12.2022 is sent by the appellant vide which he has requested the hearing through cisco webex or through V.C., **which is accepted and the appellant is directed to attend the next date of hearing through cisco webex for clarifying the facts of this case.**

5. Another email has been received by the Bench; which has been sent by the department in which a letter vide endorsement number 2435 dated 20.12.2022 is attached in which it has been clearly mentioned that under Section 6 (3), RTI application of the appellant was transferred from PIO O/o DC, Fazilka to PIO O/o DDPO, Fazilka vide letter number 276 dated 31.03.2022 which was again transferred under Section 6(3) of the RTI from PIO O/o DDPO, Fazilka to PIO O/o BDPO, Fazilka vide letter number 713 dated 18.05.2022 as mentioned in letter dated 20.12.2022. **But today, nobody appears from the department for clarifying the facts of this case.**

6. **A copy of the RTI application along with this order be sent to the PIO O/o BDPO, Fazilka as well as PIO O/o DC, Fazilka to look into this matter and make sure to appear in the Commission on the next hearing for clarifying the facts of this case.**

7. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to send point wise attested copies of information to the appellant through registered post and supply the copy of postal receipt to the Bench before the next hearing. The PIO is also directed to appear before the Bench along with the requisite information on the next hearing.

8. The Appellant is directed to go through the supplied input and point out the deficiencies, if any, after the receipt of the information. The Appellant is also directed to attend the next hearing positively, **through cisco webex whose meeting joining number is 1585723975** failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the case may be decided based on documents available on file.

9. **With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. Both the concerned parties are directed to attend the hearing on 02.02.2023 at 11.30 am before the Bench at Punjab State Information Commission, Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
22.12.2022

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

CC:

Public Information Officer
(Regd. Post) O/o Block Development and Panchayat Officer,
Fazilka.

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