ORDER SHEET
PUNJAB INFORMATION COMMISSION

Appeal No. 2-136-1/2021

Zeeshan Adil

VERSUS

DG PHA Rawalpindi

Subject: **APPEAL / COMPLAINT REGARDING NON-PROVISION OF INFORMATION UNDER THE PUNJAB TRANSPARENCY AND RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2013**

22.03.2021 The appellant is present in person.

Mr. Muhammad Masood Director (Admn)/PIO of the office of DG PHA Rawalpindi in-spite of appearance on 09.03.2021 has not turned up uptil the close of office hours though he undertook to provide information within 10 days and to submit compliance report today (22.03.2021). The none appearance of Director Admn/PIO without any intimation amounts to disregard for RTI law. According to the office report PIO is not deliberately attending the calls of Assistant concerned. In view of the facts that the compliance of law does not appear possible for non-appearance and non-cooperation of PIO through ordinary means, he is awarded a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- for disregard for RTI law and the order of Commission, which may be deducted from his salary by District Account Officer concerned.

2. The 14 categories of information sought by the appellant is beyond reasonable limit yet the information is very much public information and must be provided in exercise of fundamental right to information. In such cases a substitute to the provision of certified copies is the proactive disclosure through official website and to just

intimate that information is disclosed at stipulated website. Consequently, the respondent public body is directed to resort to proactive disclosure if it considers the task of providing certified copies of public information as burdensome.

3. Copy of this order be served upon DG PHA Rawalpindi who shall ensure the compliance of order and appearance of PIO on next date of hearing to intimate the compliance of order of "disclosure" failing which he (DG PHA) shall also be considered a defiant officer. Copy of this order be also forwarded to District Account Officer Rawalpindi to implement the order of deduction of award of penalty Rs. 10,000/- from the salary of Mr. Muhammad Masood Director (Admn)/PIO and to intimate the Commission well before 12.04.2021.

4. To come up on 12.04.2021

(Saeed Akhtar Ansari)
Information Commissioner

(Mahboob Qadir Shah)
Chief Information Commissioner