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Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda

Respondent

Appellant

Appeal Case No.: 3384 of 2022 Hearing through CISCO Webex

<u>Present:</u> (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh

(ii) Respondent: Sh. Vivek Rattan (Jr. Assistant-cum-PIO) (9779700074)

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 25.04.2022 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 30.5.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.7.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 9.11.2022 and further postponed to 9.2.2023 at 11.00 a.m.
- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
- 3. The appellant states that he has sought attested copies of two letters No.294/ADTT/RTA/BTI dated 26.10.2018 other letter No.553/ADTT/RTA/BTI dated: 27.7.2020 which are still to receive. He further pleads the court for suitable directions so that he may get the above two letters.
- 4. The respondent states that reply dated 07.11.2022 was received from the concerned official with the request to give some more time to trace the letters demanded in RTI application. He adds that reply dated 09.11.2022 was also sent to the appellant in this regard. He also mentions that an email dated 9.11.2022 is also sent to the Commission, which is received taken on record.

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5. After hearing the parties in detail, the respondent PIO is directed to speed up the efforts to

trace out demanded letters as ample time has already been elapsed. He is also directed either

supply the attested copies of two letters demanded in RTI application or supply an affidavit

stating therein that the letters sought for are not available with the department duly attested by

the competent authority within seven days after receipt of this order. A copy of this order be

also sent to Sh. Vivek Rattan (JA-cum-PIO) by name through registered post for his ready

reference.

6. With the aforesaid directions, this instant appeal case is disposed of & closed. Announced in

the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 9.2.2023

(Anumit Singh Sodhi) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Regd. Post

Sh. Vivek Rattan (Junior Assistant)

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda