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Sh. Harmilap Singh Grewal(9356200018)

H.No.22173, Street No.12/2,
Power House Road, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 3958 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

(i) Appellant: Shri Harmilap Singh

(ii) For the respondent: Shri Kuljit Katoch, Automobile Engineer (8567928946) from Kender Mantri Section along with Shri Sher Singh, APIO (9876024728) from STC Office is present from the department.

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 16.04.2022 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 31.5.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 30.8.2022 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 20.12.2022 i.e. today
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that after filing second appeal, reply is received but he is not satisfied with the supplied reply. He requests the Commission to direct the respondent PIO to supply the complete information.
4. The respondent, Sh. Kuljit Katoch states that reply had already been supplied to the appellant stating therein that there is no vehicle handover form in the office; we only maintain register in this regard. He adds that by providing the information to the appellant it will be risk factors towards MP's, MLA's and other concerned officials. He further requests the Court for not supplying this kind of information to the public. He also mentions that earlier an Appeal Case no. 1751 of 2018 was disposed of & closed by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Khushwant Singh. He submits documents (a copy of notification dated 16.05.2006 and a copy of order passed by the Hon'ble SIC, Shri Khushwant Singh on 11.08.2021) on which he is taking plea for an exemption.
5. After hearing both the parties, respondent PIO is directed to go through the RTI application once again and supply the copy of register along with driver name within ten days after receipt of this order with a copy to the Commission.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. With the aforesaid directions, this case is adjourned. To come up on **28.03.2023 at 11:00 A.M.** through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 20.12.2022

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**