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**Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)**

2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar,  
District Mohali (140301).

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Sangrur

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Sangrur.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 5520 of 2021**

**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Appellant - Sh. Manjinder Singh is present.

Respondent: Shri Rakesh Joshi, Junior Assistant is present from the Department.

**ORDER:**

1. This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 26.07.2022 and the case was adjourned for 01.09.2022, which was postponed and fixed for today i.e. 01.11.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that he has received the information and he is satisfied with the same. He adds that he has no objection to close this case.
3. Shri Rakesh Joshi, Junior Assistant states that the information has been supplied to the appellant and a copy of the same has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 2804 dated 12.09.2022, which is received vide diary no. 21168 dated 15.09.2022 and taken on record.
4. During the hearing of the case, Sh. Rakesh Joshi brought into the notice of this Bench/Commission that he is visually impaired and he is facing difficulties for dealing RTI applications and hearings in the Commission. He further submitted that he has brought the problem to his department many times and requested that some senior level officer be designated as PIO in his place. He also referred to his representation dated 28.10.2022 in which he has explained his position. This representation is considered and taken on record.
5. Order dated 10.06.2014 passed by the Full Bench of the Commission in Complaint Case No. 2301 of 2013 has also been brought into my notice. This Bench was headed by the then Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Sh. R.I. Singh. Through this decision directions were given to the respondents that are Department of Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh and Department of Personnel and Training, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh to notify officer level employee as PIOs / APIOs.

In view of above order and on the request of Sh. Rakesh Joshi, Secretary, RTA, Sangrur is directed to designate some senior level officer as PIO in place of Sh. Rakesh Joshi. It is also directed that for future hearings of the appeal/complaint cases the so designated senior officer to depute to represent cases in the Commission.

6. A copy of this order be sent to Sh. Sukhwinder Singh Brar, RTA, Sangrur to look into the matter and for the compliance of this order.
7. A copy of this order be also sent to Sh. Vimal Kumar Setia, HOD-cum-State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh for immediately compliance of this order.

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8. As the information stands supplied and appellant is satisfied with the same, therefore, no further cause for intervention is left in this case. Hence, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**.
9. Announced in the court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 01.11.2022**

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

**Regd. Post**

- (i) **Sh. Sukhwinder Singh Brar (RTO)**  
O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Sangrur
- (ii) **Sh. Vimal Kumar Setia (HOD)**  
O/o State Transport Commissioner,  
Punjab, Chandigarh