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Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, Ward No.18, Street No.2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer. Municipal Council, Khanna, District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Deputy Director. Urban Local Govt., Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.561 of 2020

Present: Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, appellant. (i)

> Shri Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer/PIO, O/o Municipal Council, Khanna, (ii)

District Ludhiana.

ORDER:

(Contacted on Mobile Phone)

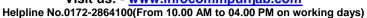
- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 28.09.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Cisco Webex. However, due to technical glitch in connectivity through Cisco Webex, the hearing could not be held through Cisco Webex.
- 3. Shri Charanjit Singh, Executive Officer/PIO, Municipal Council, Khanna is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter dated 12.10.2020. The appellant has acknowledged the receipt of information on the letter itself.
- Shri Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He again confirms 4. the receipt of information to his satisfaction and gives his consent to dispose off the appeal and close the case.
- In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. The appeal case is 5. disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 01.03.2021

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

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Shri Manjit Singh S/o Shri Gurcharan Singh, R/o Village Manemajra. Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib, District Ropar.

.....Complainant

Public Information Officer

O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority General Manager, Punjab Roadway, Ludhiana

....Respondent

CC No.752 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Manjit Singh, Complainant

(ii) Shri Rajnish Bansal, Superintendent O/o G.M. Punjab Roadways, Ludhiana/PIO.

Versus

ORDER:

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- 1. The RTI application is dated 01.09.2020 vide which the Complainant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The complaint was filed by the complainant in the Commission on 06.10.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter called the RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 09.12.2020 by the Commission through Cisco Webex. However, due to technical glitch in connectivity through Cisco Webex, the hearing could not be held through Cisco Webex. Accordingly, Shri Manjit Singh, complainant is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the information asked for has not been received by him so far.
- 3. Shri Rajnish Bansal, Superintendent O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Ludhiana is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the information has been sent to the complainant vide letter dated 03.12.2020, sent by registered post on 04.12.2020.
- 4. The Bench observes that a letter dated 28.01.2021 is available in the case file wherein the G.M. Punjab Roadways, Ludhiana has stated that the complainant has been seeking information filing different RTI applications which involves a lot of time of the staff in collecting and furnishing the information which adversely affects the efficiency of administration and quoted certain judgments of Hon'ble Supreme Court in its support.



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- 5. The Bench further observes that the complainant has not availed the provision of the Section 19(1) of the RTI Act by filing an appeal with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). As such, the FAA has not been able to address the grievances of the complainant.
- 6. It must be noted that there is an alternate and efficacious remedy of First Appeal available under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act. It appears that the complainant has failed to avail the same in the instant complaint case. The Bench observes that the complainant must be given an opportunity to avail of the above said remedy.
- Post deliberations with the complainant and the representative of PIO, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority i.e. Shri Rachhpal Singh, General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Ludhiana. The Commission hereby directs the FAA to treat the copy of the Complaint (enclosed herewith) as the First Appeal and decide the matter in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act after giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard. He is directed to give an early date to hear the complainant and decide the matter. In case, the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the First Appellate Authority (FAA), he is at liberty to file second appeal with Punjab State Information Commission in accordance with the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.
- 9. In view of the above, **the case is disposed off and closed.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Chandigarh 01.03.2021

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Copy to (By Regd. Post):

Shri Rachhpal Singh, First Appellate Authority General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Ludhiana.

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Shri Trilochan Singh R/o 848-A, MIG Jamalpur, Ludhiana-141010.

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o The Secretary. Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No.1237 of 2020

Versus

Present: Shri Trilochan Singh, appellant i)

> ii) Shri Davinder Singh, MVI O/o R.T.A. Jalandhar

ORDER

(Contacted on Mobile Phone)

- This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.10.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Cisco Webex. However, due to technical glitch in connectivity through Cisco Webex, the hearing could not be held through Cisco Webex.
- 3. Shri Devinder Singh, Motor Vehicle Inspector, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Jalandhar is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the information sought by the appellant vide his RTI application dated 07.12.2019 has been supplied to the appellant.
- 4. The appellant Shri Trilochan Singh is contacted on mobile phone. He states that due to illness of his mother, he could not attend the hearing. He, however, states that he has received the requisite information and that he has also sent an intimation to this effect to the Commission vide letter dated 08.12.2020. He gives his consent to dispose off the appeal and close the case.
- 5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. The appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 01.03.2021

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Shri Trilochan Singh R/o 848-A, MIG Jamalpur, Ludhiana-141010.

.....Appellant

Public Information Officer

O/o The Secretary. Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No.1512 of 2020

Versus

Present: Shri Trilochan Singh, appellant i)

> Shri Davinder Singh, MVI O/o R.T.A. Jalandhar ii)

ORDER

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- 1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.10.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
- 2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Cisco Webex. However, due to technical glitch in connectivity through Cisco Webex, the hearing could not be held through Cisco Webex.
- Shri Devinder Singh, Motor Vehicle Inspector, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Jalandhar is contacted 3. on mobile phone. He states that the information sought by the appellant vide his RTI application dated 01.07.2019 has been supplied to the appellant.
- The appellant Shri Trilochan Singh is contacted on mobile phone. He states that due to illness 4. of his mother, he could not attend the hearing. He, however, states that he has received the requisite information and that he has also sent an intimation to this effect to the Commission vide letter dated 08.12.2020. He gives his consent to dispose off the appeal and close the case.
- 5. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the matter. The appeal case is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh 01.03.2021

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