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Shri Sanjeev Kumar Jhatta
S/o Shri Surinder Pal Jhatta,
H.No.385, Ward No.4,
Faridkot Road, Gurharsahai,
District Ferozepur.



.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Head Office, Punjab, Chandigarh

....Respondents

AC No.1326 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Sanjeev Kumar Jhatta, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ferozepur,**
on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ferozepur.
3. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Jhatta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C. He states that he has been provided only partial information. He has not been called by the PIO to his office for supply of information as directed by the Bench on the previous hearing.
4. Shri Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk O/o Secretary, RTA Ferozepur comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO. He states that copies of Form No.24 and manual register have been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 09.12.2019. As regards the other information, during the period for which the information has been sought, no facility of scanning was available and moreover, a lot of record has been weeded out and hence, does not exist.
5. The delay in supply of complete information as also the absence of PIO is viewed adversely. The Bench observes that the PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous hearing to which no reply has been filed.
6. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of the PIO assures the Bench that he will get the official records inspected by the appellant today itself and whatever record is identified by the appellant, copies of the same will be provided to him.



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7. As per the assurance given by the representative of the PIO, the PIO is directed to allow the appellant to access the official records to identify the information as required by him as per his RTI application and provide the copies of the documents so identified by the appellant. PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice and also to ensure to attend the hearing on the next date in person through V.C.

8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.1326 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement made is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ferozepur.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.09.2020**

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Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Head Office, Punjab, Chandigarh

.....Respondents

AC No.1327 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Sanjeev Kumar Jhatta, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ferozepur,**
on behalf of the PIO/respondent.

ORDER:

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5. The delay in supply of complete information as also the absence of PIO is viewed adversely. The Bench observes that the PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous hearing to which no reply has been filed.
6. On the asking of the Bench, the representative of the PIO assures the Bench that he will get the official records inspected by the appellant today itself and whatever record is identified by the appellant, copies of the same will be provided to him.



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7. As per the assurance given by the representative of the PIO, the PIO is directed to allow the appellant to access the official records to identify the information as required by him as per his RTI application and provide the copies of the documents so identified by the appellant. PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice and also to ensure to attend the hearing on the next date in person through V.C.

8. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.1327 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement made is correct and authentic. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ferozepur.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Balwinder Singh Laddi,
R/o H.No.418, Street No.5,
Mohalla Nanal Sar,
Tehsil Road, Simla Puri,
Ludhiana-141003.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1330 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Balwinder Singh Laddi, appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C., Ludhiana. Shri Balwinder Singh Laddi comes present to attend the hearing. He states that no information has been provided by the PIO.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor any official has been deputed to attend the hearing on his behalf. The absence of the PIO as also the non-supply of information to the appellant is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO concerned O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for non-supply of information to the appellant. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.



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5. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceeding against him ex-parte.

6. PIO is directed to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing and also to file reply to the show cause notice.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Sarabjeet Singh Gill,
R/o H.No.60-35-P 376-1,
Street No.8, Maha Singh Nagar,
PO Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana-141014.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1331 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Amarjit Singh on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C., Ludhiana. Shri Amarjit Singh comes present on behalf of the appellant. He states that no information has been provided by the PIO to the appellant.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor any official has been deputed to attend the hearing on his behalf. The absence of the PIO as also the non supply of information to the appellant is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO concerned O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for non-supply of information to the appellant. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.
5. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that



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in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceeding against him ex-parte.

6. PIO is directed to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing and also to file reply to the show cause notice.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Ludhiana-141014.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1332 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Amarjit Singh on behalf of the appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana
on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C., Ludhiana. Shri Amarjit Singh comes present on behalf of the appellant. He states that no information has been received by the appellant.
3. Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman attends the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter 16.07.2020 by speed post and he is also in possession of the receipts for having sent the information by speed post.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench directs that the appellant will visit the office of PIO on 10.09.2020 at 11.30 AM. The PIO will allow the appellant to access the official records to identify the information he requires as per his RTI application. The information so identified will be provided by the PIO to the appellant. The PIO will also ensure to come in person for the hearing through V.C. on the next date.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.09.2020**

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Street No.8, Maha Singh Nagar,
PO Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana-141014.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1333 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Amarjit Singh on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C., Ludhiana. Shri Amarjit Singh comes present on behalf of the appellant. He states that no information has been provided by the PIO to the appellant.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor any official has been deputed to attend the hearing on his behalf. The absence of the PIO as also the non supply of information to the appellant is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO concerned O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for non-supply of information to the appellant. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.
5. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that



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in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceeding against him ex-parte.

6. PIO is directed to supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing and also to file reply to the show cause notice.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan,
R/o H.No.7, G.K. Vihar,
Manakwal,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17,
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1372 of 2020

Subject: (i) **Shri Satnam Singh, appellant**
(ii) **Shri Amardeep Singh, Clerk, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana**
On behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. The appellant comes present and states that no information has been supplied by the PIO.
3. The representative of the PIO Shri Amardeep Singh, Clerk comes present to attend the hearing. He states that reply has been sent to the appellant that information sought falls under Section 7(9) of the RTI Act and hence, cannot be supplied, being in question form. It also amounts to creation of information, rather than providing existing information.
4. Post deliberations, it emerges that the information is not in question form. It is to be downloaded from the Departmental website and related link by appropriate Log in Id. The PIO is now directed to call the appellant to his office and show him the related official records and website/ link etc. and provide him the hard copy of documents sought.



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5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Sukhwinder Singh,
O/o President, Anti
Corruption Front (Retd.)
Machhiwara, Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Secretary,
School Education, Pb. Govt.
Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary,
School Education, Pb. Govt.
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.4175 of 2020

Present: (i) **Appellant- (Contacted through telephone)**
(ii) **Smt. Sonia Bala, Sr. Assistant, O/o Secretary, School Education, Punjab,**
on behalf of the PIO, in person before the Bench at Chandigarh.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 22.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing.
3. Smt. Sonia Bala, Senior Assistant, comes present in person before the Bench at Chandigarh. She states that reply has been given to the appellant stating therein that the concerned school was given 15 days time vide letter dated 08.01.2020 to put forth their version failing which action regarding cancellation of NOC would be initiated. Thereafter, letter dated 16.03.2020 was written to the D.C. Ludhiana to give point wise comments on the RTI application, followed by reminder dated 24.06.2020, but no reply from the D.C. Ludhiana has been received. Vide letter dated 16.03.2020, it has been clarified that the grants given from the MPLAD fund are managed by the concerned Deputy Commissioner.
4. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted through mobile phone. He states that he has not received any information beyond details of reminders to the concerned public authorities, as stated by the representative of the PIO..



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5. From the letters of the PIO O/o Secretary, School Education Department, Punjab, it is revealed that the relevant information is to be provided by the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. As such, the PIO O/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana is impleaded as PIO/Respondent No.2. A copy of the RTI application is sent with the direction to respond to the letters of PIO O/o Secretary, School Education, Punjab as also to supply the requisite information to the appellant before the next hearing.

6. PIO O/o Secretary, School Education, Punjab and the PIO O/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana are directed to come in person to attend the hearing through V.C. on the next date.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

Chandigarh
01.09.2020

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Copy to (By Regd.Post)

The Public Information Officer O/o Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana along with a copy of the RTI application of the appellant.

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Shri Rohit Sabharwal, President
Council of RTI Activists
Kundan Bhawan,
126, Model Gram, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana..

....Respondents

AC No.1572 of 2020

Present: (i) Smt. Sukhjinder Kaur, on behalf of the appellant.
(ii) Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman, O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

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2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. Smt. Sukhjinder Kaur, comes present on behalf of the appellant. She states that information has been received by the appellant only on point No.1. She states that information on other points i.e. points No..2 to 13 has not been supplied to the satisfaction of the appellant.
4. Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present. He states that the information sought is old and related records are being located.
5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow the appellant access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information as required and the PIO will ensure to provide the information so identified by the appellant.
6. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the existing official records



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in AC No.1572 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement made is correct and authentic. The original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation, (Zone-A)
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana..

....Respondents

AC No.1574 of 2020

Present: (i) **Smt. Sukhjinder Kaur, on behalf of the appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman, O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana**
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

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2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. Smt. Sukhjinder Kaur, comes present on behalf of the appellant. She states that no information has been received by the appellant as yet.
4. Shri Harjit Singh, Draftsman O/o Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present. He states that RTI application of the appellant is not available in their office. However, they have received the order of the Bench dated 22.07.2020..
5. The Bench is surprised on the statement of the representative of the PIO. The Bench observes that this is an indicator of importance which Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana attaches to dealing with RTI applications. The Bench views it adversely.
6. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow the appellant access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information as required and the PIO will ensure to provide the information so identified by the appellant.



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7. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.1574 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement made is correct and authentic. The original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Helpline NO.0172-2864100 (10.00 AM to 04.00 PM on working days)



Shri Rohit Sabharwal, President
Council of RTI Activists
Kundan Bhawan,
126, Model Gram, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Executive Officer,
Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
Deputy Director,
Urban Local Govt., Ludhiana..

....Respondents

AC No.1633 of 2020

Present: (i) **Smt. Sukhjinder Kaur, on behalf of the appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. The RTI application is dated 18.01.2020 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 09.03.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.06.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 01.09.2020 by the Commission through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.
3. The case has been heard today through V.C. Smt. Sukhjinder Kaur, comes present on behalf of the appellant. She states that the information has been received by the appellant and deficiencies in the information supplied have been conveyed to the PIO which have not been addressed as yet.
4. Neither the PIO himself has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor any official has been deputed to attend the hearing on his behalf.
5. The PIO O/o Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for non-supply of complete information to the appellant. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

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6. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceeding against him ex-parte.

7. PIO is directed to supply the complete information to the appellant after removing the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant before the next date of hearing and also to file reply to the show cause notice.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
01.09.2020**

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