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Shri Harmit Singh Sidhu,
Reporter, Rozana Desh Sewak,
C/o Baba Kaka Finance Company,
Phul Road, Rampura Phul,
District Bathinda.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

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

....Respondents

AC No.3449 of 2020

Present:

- (i) Shri Harmit Singh Sidhu, the appellant.
- (ii) Shri Baljit Singh, Section Officer/PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A., Bathinda

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 03.07.2020 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 25.09.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.11.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Bathinda. The appellant Shri Harmit Singh Sidhu comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the information has been received by him, but the same is not as per his RTI Application and as such, he is not satisfied with the information supplied.
3. Shri Baljit Singh, Section Officer/PIO O/o Secretary, RTA Bathinda comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the appellant has been provided information as is available in their official records and further states that nothing beyond that is available in their official records.
4. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO 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



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records in AC No.3449 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
02.02.2021**

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Shri Manjinder Singh
R/o #2469, Sunny Enclave
Sector-125, Kharar,
District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority
O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1422 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Manjinder Singh, Appellant in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. in DC Office, Jalandhar. The appellant comes present to attend the hearing before the Bench. He states that he has not been supplied any information by the PIO. The appellant further states that he was asked vide letter dated 20.12.2019 to deposit an amount for the information comprising photocopies of 40 challans which has been deposited by him with the PIO. In spite of that, he has not been supplied information so far.
3. The Bench also observes that the PIO has not come present on the previous two hearings as also the current hearing. The PIO again is absent for the hearing through V.C. and has also not deputed any representative to attend the hearing through V.C. Moreover, in spite of the deposit of requisite fee for the supply of information by the appellant, the information has not been supplied to the appellant. The indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and 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. The PIO is further directed to ensure that complete information is supplied to the appellant before the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** The copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Inderpal Singh,
S/o Shri Surjit Singh
R/o 1558/1, Amarpura,
Ludhiana.
Presently: #240, Block-B,
Ahluwalia Colony, Jamalpur
District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer
O/o Superintendent,
Tehbazari Branch,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer
O/o Nodal Officer, RTI
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer
O/o Horticulture Branch,
Zone-C, Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1559 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Inderpal Singh, appellant.
(ii) Shri Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman, Zone-C, M.C., Ludhiana.
(iii) Shri Gurmukh Singh, APIO, Horticulture Branch, M.C. Ludhiana.
(iv) None on behalf of PIO, Tehbazari Branch, Nodal Officer, RTI, M.C. Ludhiana

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. The appellant Shri Inderpal Singh comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he has not received information as per his RTI application.
3. Shri Inderjit Singh, Head Draftsman, Zone-C, M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO and states that the RTI application received in Drawing/Building Branch relates to Superintendent, Tehbazari Branch, Zone-C, and PIO, Horticulture Branch, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, who have been impleaded as respondents and the information is to be supplied by them.



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4. The PIO from Tehbazari Branch, Zone-C, M.C. Ludhiana has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. Shri Gurmukh Singh, APIO, Horticulture Branch, Zone-C, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing and states that the appellant has been supplied information vide letter 24.11.2020.

5. The concerned PIOs are again directed to supply information to the appellant relating to their branches before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jagshir Singh,
S/o Shri Gian Singh
R/o # 9/20, Mandi Mullanpur,
District Ludhiana

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Mullanpur Dakha,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Director,
Local Government,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1725 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) None is present on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Contacted on mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Jagshir Singh, Appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing. However, an e.mail has been received from the PIO, Municipal Council, Mullanpur Dakha requesting for another date of hearing.
4. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on mobile phone. He states that due to a death in his family, he has not been able to attend the hearing through V.C. in DC Office, Ludhiana. He further states that he has not received any information as yet.
5. On perusal of the case file, the Bench observes that show cause notice was issued in the hearing on 21.09.2020 to which no reply has been filed by the PIO. The Bench further observes that the directions given by the Bench are still to be complied with.
6. Last opportunity is given to the PIO to fully comply with the directions of the Bench before the next hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.



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7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Harjit Singh,
R/o # 10-B, Medical Enclave,
Circular Road, Amritsar-143001

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority, Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Transport,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1416 of 2020

Present:

(i)	Shri Harjit Singh, appellant.
(ii)	None on behalf of PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Amritsar.
(iii)	Shri Gurpal Singh, A.T.O./PIO, O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh in person before the Bench.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Amritsar. The appellant Shri Harjit Singh comes present. He states that he has not been provided information as per his RTI application by the PIO and the reply given is not as per his RTI application.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Amritsar comes present nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing through V.C.
4. Shri Gurpal Singh, APIO comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the information has to be supplied by the PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Amritsar who has been directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant.
4. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that the PIO has not complied with the directions as given by the Bench on the previous hearing and has also not filed reply to the show cause notice.



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5. Last opportunity is given to the PIO to fully comply with the directions of the Bench before the next hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

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Shri Surinder Kumar,
S/o Shri Bhagwan Dass,
Partap Nagar Welfare Society,
Ward No.8, Fatehgarh Churian,
District Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Fatehgarh Churian
District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies, Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No.1502 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Surinder Kumar, 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 16.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Gurdaspur. The appellant Shri Surinder Kumar comes present and states that no information has been provided to him after the removal of deficiencies pointed out by him to the PIO.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor has deputed any of his representative to attend the hearing on his behalf.
4. The Bench on perusal of the case file, observes that no information has been provided to the appellant after the deficiencies were pointed out by the appellant. The PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous hearing, to which no reply has been filed by the PIO. The Bench further observes that he is absent from the hearing for the third consecutive time. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. The facts of the case prove beyond any doubt that the PIO/Respondent does not deserve any leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, a penalty to the tune of



Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO, O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Fatehgarh Churian, District Gurdaspur, to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head. The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.5,000/- from the salary of the PIO and deposit the same in State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

- 0070-Other Administrative Services – 60-Other Services-

-0800-Other Receipts- 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005.

6. The PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing as also to come in person to attend the hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice as also to produce the evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty imposed.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Khushal Chand Vohra,
OBC Bank Wali Gali,
Dera Baba Nanak,
District Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Police Station,
Dera Baba Nanak,
District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Sr. Supdt. Of Police,
Batala, District Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

AC No.2527 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Khushal Chand Vohra, appellant
(ii) Shri Sukhdev Singh, ASI, P.S. Dera Baba Nanak, District Gurdaspur
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 16.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Gurdaspur. Shri Khushal Chand Vohra, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. and states that as directed by the Bench on the previous hearing, he has not been provided any footage of the CCTV camera of P.S. Dera Baba Nanak.
3. ASI Sukhdev Singh, Police Station, Dera Baba Nanak, District Gurdaspur comes present and states that the appellant on contacting him, had stated that he will engage some CCTV Camera experts and will get the CCTV footage of PS Dera Baba Nanak extracted through them. A letter dated 01.02.2021 from SSP-cum-PIO, Batala is also available in the file to this effect.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant denies to have made any such statement to the Police officials and requests that the footage be got provided to him.

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5. In view of the above, the Bench points out to the representative of the PIO that the PIO has not complied with the directions of the Bench even after a lapse of more than 2½ months. Upon this, the representative of the PIO requests for some more time to do the needful. The PIO is given last opportunity to provide the appellant the CCTV camera footage before the next hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Sarabjit Singh
S/o Late Shri Harbans Singh,
H.No.292, Nagar Sudhar
Trust Colony, Scheme No.5,
Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Sr. Superintendent of Police,
Batala, District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Inspector General of Police,
Border Range, Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No.3458 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Sarabjit Singh, appellant- absent.**
(ii) **Shri Sukhdev Singh, ASI, P.S. Dera Baba Nanak, Distt. Gurdaspur**
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

1. The RTI application is dated 09.09.2020 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 10.10.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.11.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in the office of D.C. Gurdaspur. Shri Sarabjit Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Sukhdev Singh, ASI, Police Station, Dera Baba Nanak, District Gurdaspur comes present and states that reply has been given to the appellant vide letter dated 13.09.2019. He states that the matter relates to a land case of the appellant pending with a court and as such, the matter being sub judice, no information can be supplied to the appellant.
4. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on phone. He is apprised of the version of the representative of the PIO regarding the matter being a court case. Upon this, the appellant states that he has made certain complaints to the Chief Minister, Punjab and Home Department with regard to his grievance that by taking illegal possession of his land, construction is being raised on it, in spite of stay by the Court. He has sought the information as to what action has been taken by the Police Authorities at P.S. Dera Baba Nanak. He further states that after waiting for the action on his complaints, he was forced to file a court case.



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5. In view of the position explained by the appellant, the PIO and the appellant are directed to attend the next hearing before the Bench and bring along all the relevant records.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 27.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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