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**Sh. Varun Bansal (7009142020)**

C/o Chamber No., 736, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Distt. Courts, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer,  
Bathinda

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o State Transport Commissioner,  
Punjab, Chandigarh

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 3611 of 2020**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:**

(i) None on behalf of the respondent.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Baljeet Singh (Section Officer) (9877937563).

## **ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 21.03.2020 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 30.07.2020 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.12.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for personal hearing on 28.01.2021 in the Commission but heard through CISCO WEBEX.
2. In today's hearing, appellant, Sh. Varun Bansal is not present for today's hearing but an email dated 02.03.2021 was received from the appellant by the undersigned bench stating that he has received the complete information. In that email he also mentioned that he does not want to pursue this case further. This email is taken on record.
3. Respondent, Sh. Baljeet Singh is present for today's hearing.
4. As the information stands supplied and on the request of the appellant, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, the instant appeal case is **disposed of and closed at Commission's end.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties

**Chandigarh**

**Dated: 02.03.2021**

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

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**Sh. Reetinder Singh (7719569307)**

S/o Sh. Jasbir Singh  
R/o House No. 22859, Street No. 4/I,  
Dhobiana Road, Preet Nagar,  
Bathinda

Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer,  
Bathinda

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 917 of 2020**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:**

- (i) Sh. Reetinder Singh, the complainant in person  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Baljeet Singh (Section Officer) (9877937563).

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 22.10.2020 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 04.12.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.02.2021 through hearing in the Commission but heard through CISCO Webex application.
2. The complainant states that his RTI application is dated 27.10.2020 but he has been provided only incomplete information and he is dissatisfied with the information supplied.
3. Respondent, Sh. Baljeet Singh states that requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant through office letter no. 671, 672 and 673 dated 22.02.2021. He added that complainant had not filed first appeal. On the other hand, complainant expresses his dissatisfaction over the information supplied.
4. From perusal of the record as available on the file, it is ascertained 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.

5. 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 case.
6. In view of the aforesaid, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority, i.e. Secretary, Regional Transport Officer, Bathinda. 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. 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.
7. In view of the above, **the case is disposed off and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 02.03.2021**

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**Remanded back to**

**First Appellate Authority, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer,  
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**Encl. RTI application.**

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Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 918 of 2020**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:**

(i) Sh. Reetinder Singh, the complainant in person

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Baljeet Singh (Section Officer) (9877937563).

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 10.10.2020 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 04.12.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.02.2021 through hearing in the Commission but heard through CISCO Webex application.
2. The complainant states that his RTI application is dated 10.10.2020 but he has been provided only incomplete information and he is dissatisfied with the information supplied.
3. Respondent, Sh. Baljeet Singh states that requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant through office letter no. 671, 672 and 673 dated 22.02.2021. He added that complainant had not filed first appeal. On the other hand, complainant expresses his dissatisfaction over the information supplied.
4. From perusal of the record as available on the file, it is ascertained 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.

5. 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 case.
6. In view of the aforesaid, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority, i.e. Secretary, Regional Transport Officer, Bathinda. 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. 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.
7. In view of the above, **the case is disposed off and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 02.03.2021**

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O/o Commissioner, MC,

Bathinda

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 919 of 2020**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:**

(i) Sh. Reetinder Singh, the complainant in person

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Lakhvir Trikha (DCFA-cum-PIO) (9780042159)

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 22.10.2020 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 04.12.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.02.2021 through hearing in the Commission but heard through CISCO Webex application.
2. Appellant, Sh. Reetinder Singh states that requisite information has been received in the present case and requested to close this case.
3. Respondent, Sh. Baljeet Singh is present for today's hearing.
4. As the information stands supplied and on the request of the appellant, no further cause of action is required. Therefore, the instant appeal case is **disposed of and closed at Commission's end**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties

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Versus

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O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer,

Bathinda

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 920 of 2020**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:**

(i) Sh. Manjinder Singh in the Commission office

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Manish Kumar (Section Officer) through CISCO Webex (7814746755)

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 12.10.2020 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 04.12.2020 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 25.02.2021 through hearing in the Commission but heard through CISCO Webex application.
2. The complainant states that his RTI application is dated 12.10.2020 but he has been provided only incomplete information and he is dissatisfied with the information supplied.
3. Respondent, Sh. Baljeet Singh states that requisite information has already been supplied to the complainant through office letter no. 671, 672 and 673 dated 22.02.2021. He added that complainant had not filed first appeal. On the other hand, complainant expresses his dissatisfaction over the information supplied.
4. From perusal of the record as available on the file, it is ascertained 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.

5. 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 case.
6. In view of the aforesaid, the instant matter is remanded back to the First Appellate Authority, i.e. Secretary, Regional Transport Officer, Bathinda. 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. 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.
7. In view of the above, **the case is disposed off and closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 02.03.2021**

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**Remanded back to**

**First Appellate Authority, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer,  
Bathinda**

**Encl. RTI application.**