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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Shri Virender Kumar,
5/396, Indria Colony,
Sonapat (Haryana) (M-9354914599)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer-cum-
O/o Chief Engineer (HQ), PWD (B&R)
Punjab, Block-C, Nirman Bhawan,
District Administrative Complex, Patiala.

First Appellant Authority-cum-
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
Public Works Department (B&R)
Punjab Infrastructure Development Board
SCO No.33-34, Sector-34, Chandigarh.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3117 of 2018

Present: Sh. Virender Kumar, the Appellant is present.
Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Junior Engineer is present from the
O/o PWD, B & R, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar on behalf
of Respondent/PIO.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 15.01.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant, before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, Sh. Rakesh Kumar handed over a self declaration signed by Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD, B& R, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar vide which it has been stated that no information is available in the office records as sought by the Appellant in his RTI Application dated 20.5.2018. A copy of the same has been taken on record.

After receiving the self declaration, the Appellant, Sh. Virender Kumar shows his satisfaction by submitting an acknowledgement dated 06.03.2019, which is taken on record.

In view of above, no further cause of action is required in this case. This above appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the order be sent to both the parties.

Dated: 06.03.2019

Sd/-
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Sh. Sukhchain Singh,

Secretary, Nagar Welfare Society
Senan Mohalla, W. No.11, Fathegarh Churian
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer-cum-

O/o General Manager,
Punjab Roadways, Amritsar-II.

First Appellant Authority-cum-

O/o The Director, State Transport, Pb.
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3122 of 2018

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh is absent.

Sh. Amarjeet Singh, Junior Assistant is present on behalf of
Respondent/PIO.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 15.01.2019.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Amarjeet Singh states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the Appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh.

The Appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh is absent in today's hearing but a letter dated 15.01.2019 has been received in the Commission vide which the Appellant has pointed out some deficiencies in the supplied information.

On being enquired from the representative of the Respondent/PIO, regarding the letter of the Appellant dated 15.01.2019, vide which the deficiencies has been pointed out, he states that they have received no such letter, as such a copy of the letter is handed over to Sh. Amarjeet Singh to remove the deficiencies pointed out by the Appellant, through registered post before the next date of hearing. The Respondent/PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing. The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite information and point out the deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing falling to which the case will be decided in his absence.

The case is adjourned to **24.04.2019 at 11.00 A.M.**

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Dated: 06.03.2019

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Sh. Sukhchain Singh,
Secretary, Nagar Welfare Society
Senan Mohalla, W. No.11, Fathehgarh Churian
Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur.

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer-cum-
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellant Authority-cum-
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority, Hoshiarpur

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3125 of 2018

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh is absent.
Sh. Ravi Dutt, Junior Assistant is present on behalf of
Respondent /PIO.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 15.01.2019.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Ravi Dutt states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the Appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh.

The Appellant, Sh. Sukhchain Singh is absent in today's hearing but a letter dated 15.01.2019 has been received in the Commission vide which the Appellant has pointed out certain deficiencies in the supplied information.

On being enquired from the representative of the Respondent/PIO, regarding the letter of the Appellant dated 15.01.2019, vide which the deficiencies has been pointed out, he states that they have received no such letter, as such a copy of the letter is handed over to Sh. Ravi Dutt to remove the deficiencies pointed out by the Appellant, through registered post before the next date of hearing. The Respondent/PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite information and point out the deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing falling to which the case will be decided in his absence.

The case is adjourned to **24.04.2019 at 11.00 A.M.**

Copies of the order be sent to both the parties.

Dated: 06.03.2019

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Sh. Joginder Singh S/o Sh. Shisha Singh
Mohalla Suraja, VPO Haryana
District Hoshiarpur.(M : 98150-95229)

...Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director, Technical Education &
Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab
Sector-36A, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 955 of 2018

Present: The Complainant, Sh. Joginder Singh is absent.
Sh. Rashpal Singh, Senior Assistant is present on behalf of the
Respondent/PIO.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 15.01.2019.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Rashpal Singh states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the Complainant.

The Complainant, Sh. Joginder Singh is absent in today's hearing, so no statement could be recorded.

After discussing with the representative of the Respondent/PIO and going through the case file, it is observed that the Complainant has been absent from the last two hearings consecutively i.e. dated 15.01.2019 and 20.11.2018. So it is presumed that he is satisfied with the information supplied to him and he is no longer interested in pursuing this matter.

In view of above, no further cause of action is required in this case. This complainant case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the order be sent to both the parties.

Dated: 06.03.2019

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Sh. Tejinder Singh, R/o Village Bholapur,
Post Office Ramgarh, Chandigarh Road,
Ludhiana. 141123.M : 9041004313.

.....Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o SDM- cum- Licensing & Registering
Authority, Moga.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Moga.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1408 of 2018

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh is present.
Sh. Manvir Singh, Advocate along with Sh. Gurjeet Singh, Junior
Assistant is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.01.2019.

In today's hearing, Sh. Manvir Singh handed over the requisite information to the Appellant vide letter no. 701 dated 05.03.2019 along with the compensation cheque amounting to Rs. 2000/- in the name of the Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, which is taken on record.

After going through the supplied information, the Appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh pointed out deficiencies relating to point no. 5, 7 and 9.

After discussing with both the parties, the Respondent/PIO is directed to supply an affidavit relating to point no. 5 to the effect that no record is available with them. In regard to point no. 7, the Respondent/PIO is directed to clarify the facts by giving the details relating to PB 29 AB series and the auction price of fancy numbers as per Punjab Government. In regard to Point no. 9, it has been decided with mutual consent that the pen drive will be given to the representative of the Respondent/PIO and then the data which has been requested by the Appellant at point no. 9 will be provided to him before the next date of hearing. The Advocate, Sh. Manvir Singh assured that all the pending information will be supplied to the Appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing. In case of failure to do so, penalty will be imposed.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite information and point out deficiencies in writing, if any, to the PIO/Respondent with a copy to the Commission after the same has been received by him from the PIO/Respondent. The Appellant is also advised to appear in person on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to **01.05.2019 at 11.00 AM.**

Copies of the order be sent to both the parties.

Sd/-

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commissioner,
Punjab

Dated:06.03.2019

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Village Mohlowal, PO Dhianpur,
Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak,
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....Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Principal, ITI, Harsi Pind,
Tanda.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1074 of 2018

Present: The Complainant, Smt. Sunita Rani is absent.
Sh. Kamal Kumar, Instructor is present on behalf of
PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.01.2019.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Kamal Kumar states that the requisite information has been supplied to the Complainant, Smt. Sunita Rani. He also submits a letter dated 14.01.2019 signed by Smt. Sunita Rani whereby she has requested that she has received the requisite information and the Complaint Case may be filed.

The Complainant, Smt. Sunita Rani is absent in today's hearing.

In view of above, no further cause of action is required in this case. This complaint case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the order be sent to both the parties.

Dated: 06.03.2019

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....Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Secretary RTA, Jalandhar,
DTO Jalandhar.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1075 of 2018

Present: The Complainant, Sh. Surjit Singh is absent.
Sh. Avtar Singh, Steno is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.01.2019. On the previous hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Surjit Singh stated that no information had been supplied to him and the Respodent/PIO was absent on the same date.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Avtar Singh states that the requisite information has been supplied to the Complainant, Sh. Surjit Singh through registered post dated 05.03.2019. He also submits a copy of letter no. 1534 dated 05.03.2019 with copy of postal receipt affixed on it, which is taken on record.

After going through the case file, an opportunity is given to the Complainant, to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Complainant, Sh. Surjit Singh is further advised to go through the requisite information and point out the deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission. The Respondent/PIO is advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to **24.04.2019 at 11.00 A.M.**

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Dated: 06.03.2019

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....Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Station House Officer,
Police Station City, Gurdaspur,
District Gurdaspur.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1083 of 2018

Present: The representative of Complainant, Sh. Anurag Sharma comes present on behalf of Smt. Renu Sharma.
None is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.01.2019.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Complainant, Sh. Anurag Sharma states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

The Respondent/PIO is absent without any intimation to the Commission, so no statement could be recorded.

After discussing with the Complainant and going through the case file, it is observed that on the last hearing dated 16.01.2019, the Respondent/PIO was advised to supply the requisite information and show cause notice was issued under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, to the PIO and Respondent/PIO was advised to appear in person to clarify the facts of this case in today's hearing dated 06.03.2019 but he failed to do so.

In view of the above, Penalty of Rs. 2,500/- (Rupees Two Thousand and Five Hundred Only/-) is imposed on the concerned PIO, O/o Station House Officer, Police Station City, Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur. The amount of penalty i.e. Rs. 2,500/- should be deducted from the salary of PIO and be deposited in the Government treasury under head 0070-Other Administrative Services-60-Other Services-800-Other Receipts-86-Fees under the Right to Information Act. The Respondent/PIO is also advised to submit the proof of having deposited the penalty on the next date of hearing. PIO is also advised to supply the remaining information before the next date of hearing. **A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post for his ready reference.**

Complaint Case No. 1083 of 2018



The Complainant is advised to go through the requisite information and point out the deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO with a copy to the Commission, once he receives the requisite information from the Respondent/PIO. The Complainant is also advised to appear in person on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to **24.04.2019 at 11.00 A.M.**

Copies of the order be sent to both the parties.

Dated: 06.03.2019

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner,
Punjab

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(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (By Name)

O/o Station House Officer,
Police Station City,
Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur.

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Sh. Wassan Singh Goraya, S/o Sh. Ajit Singh,
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Road, Mohali.M :9888500466

....Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, Technical Education and
Industrial Training Department,
Sector 36-A, Punjab, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1085 of 2018

Present: The Complainant, Sh. Wassam Singh Goraya is absent.
Sh. Rashpal Singh, Senior Assistant is present on behalf of
PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.01.2019.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Wassan Singh is absent and the representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Rashpal Singh is present in today's hearing.

Today, the Court does not feel it appropriate to go ahead with further proceedings of the case in view of the fact that during the proceedings going on in this court in connection with Complaint Case No.1007 of 2018 and Complaint Case No. 1011 of 2018 dated 11.02.2019, the Court chose to dissociate from the hearing of said complaint. In that case, the court had observed as under 'he has not behaved properly and is adamant not to listen to the observations of the Court. It is observed that he does not know as exactly, what information has been sought by him. Further on the asking of the Court, he had stated that he is member of a team which seeks information under RTI Act and one member of the team prepares the RTI Application to seek information and the other member appears before the Court. It is also not appropriate for the Complainant not to adhere to the Court ethics, due to this unbecoming attitude of the complainant; the Court is unable to go ahead with the hearing of the complaint".

In view of this, it will be appropriate to transfer the complaint to any other Bench. Deputy Registrar may please put up this complaint case before Hon'ble C.I.C. for transfer of the same to some other Bench.

Copies of the order be sent to both the parties.

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner,
Punjab

Dated: 06.03.2019

To

The Deputy Registrar,
PSIC

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...Appellant

V/s.

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Secretary, Transport Department,
Punjab Govt, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3500 of 2018

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Amir Chand is present.
Sh. Avtar Singh, Steno is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.01.2019

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Avtar Singh states that the requisite information has been supplied to the Appellant, Sh. Amir Chand through registered post. He also submits a letter no. 1240 dated 13.02.2019 along with a copy of postal receipt affixed on it, which is taken on record.

The Appellant, Sh. Amir Chand is absent in today's hearing but an email dated 05.03.2019 has been received in the Commission from which it is not clear whether he is satisfied or not with the sought for information.

After discussing with the representative of the Respondent/PIO and going through the case file, the Appellant is advised to go through the requisite information and point out the deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing and if it is not possible then he should mention clearly in his email that he has received the sought for information and is satisfied with the same. The Respondent/PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to **24.04.2019 at 11.00 A.M.**

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Dated: 06.03.2019

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....Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3524 of 2018

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh is present.
Sh. Balbir Singh, Senior Assistant along with Sh. Darshan Singh,
Junior Assistant are present on behalf of Respondent/PIO.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.01.2019 with the directions to supply the requisite information to the Appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh before the next date of hearing.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Balbir Singh states that the requisite information has been supplied to the Appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh.

The Appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh states that incomplete information has been supplied to him and there are certain deficiencies in it. On asking of the Court, the representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Balbir Singh and Sh. Darshan Singh states that Sh. Kuldip Singh, Superintendent is the PIO and he is well aware of the facts.

After discussing with the both the parties and going through the case file, Respondent/PIO is directed to supply the requisite information relating to point no. 1, 2, 4 and 5 to the Appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing and if the information is not available with them then the Respondent/PIO is directed to file a proper reply in the form of an affidavit on the next date of hearing, as to why information cannot be supplied to the Appellant signed by the PIO. Till date, the information is incomplete in nature. Commission takes a serious view of this casual approach.

In view of the above, PIO O/o, Director, State Transport, Punjab, Sector 17,

Appeal Case No. 3524 of 2018



Chandigarh issued Show Cause under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. In addition, the PIO is also given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order be sent to the PIO, Sh. Kuldip Singh through registered post for his ready reference and he is directed to appear in person along with sought for information on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite information and point out the deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to **24.04.2019 at 11.00 A.M.**

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Dated: 06.03.2019

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State Information Commissioner,
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Show Cause:

(Regd. Post): Sh. Kuldip Singh, Superintendent –cum- PIO
O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

ENCL. RTI APPLICATION

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....Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3485 of 2018

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Vishakha Singh is present.
Sh. Vijay Kumar, Accounts Clerk is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.01.2019.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Vijay Kumar states there were no pending charges against Sh. Sudesh Kumar. He has also handed over a no dues certificate dated 16.09.2009 in favour of Sh. Sudesh Kumar along with other documents, a copy of which is taken on record.

The Appellant, Sh. Vishakha Singh shows his satisfaction by submitting an acknowledgement dated 06.03.2019, which is taken on record.

In view of above, as the information stands supplied. So, no further cause of action is required in this case.

This appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to both the parties.

Dated:06.03.2019

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Sh. Ashok Kumar,

House No 214, Pine Homes,

Dhakoli, Zirakpur-160104

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...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Director, Thapar Institute of Engineering

& Technology, Bhadson Road, Patiala.(147001)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director, Thapar Institute of Engineering

& Technology, Bhadson Road, Patiala.(147001)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3487 of 2018

Present:

The Appellant Sh.Ashok Kumar is absent.

Advocate, Sh. Rajat Khanna is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER

The case was last heard on 16.01.2019 when The Appellant Shri Ashok Kumar had come present and had stated that no information had been supplied to him.

On last date, Sh.Ashutosh, Advocate who had come unprepared with the case. Accordingly, PIO/Respondent had been directed to supply the information to the Appellant by next date through registered post and to come present in person and also to produce postal receipt before the Court for having supplied the information.

Today, the Appellant Shri Ashok Kumar is absent. On behalf of PIO/Respondent, Shri Rajat Aggarwal, Advocate comes present and presents his authority letter. He submits written statement to the Appeal on behalf of PIO in the Court. He states that as averred in the written statement that the Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology was recognized as a Deemed University by the UGC under Section 3 of University Grants Commission Act, vide notification dated December 30, 1985 and thereafter, the Institute was permitted by UGC to use the word "University" on 13.09.2006. Thereafter vide Punjab Govt. notification dated 19.03.2001, the financial support to answering respondent institute has been made zero vide notification dated 19.03.2001. Moreover, the UGC had decided on 22.12.2011 not to release general development grant to 6 Institutes including Thapar Institute of Technology, as conveyed to Institute vide letter dated January, 2012. It has further been stated that the Thapar Institute of Engg. & Technology, Patiala is not a public authority under Section 2(h) of RTI Act.

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It is further stated in the written statement that this Ld. Commission vide its order dated 26.06.2018 in Appeal Case Nos.3616/16, 3617/16, 3618/16 and 3619/16 had declared the Respondent Institute as a "Public Authority" under the provisions of RTI Act, but the respondent Institute had filed CWP No.19628, 19629, 19630 and 19631 of 2018 in Hon'ble High Court challenging the order dated 26.06.2018 passed by the Commission. When the said writ petitions came up for hearing before Hon'ble High Court, the Hon'ble Court was pleased to stay the operation of order dated 26.06.2018 till further orders. In view of these averments made in the written statement, the PIO/Respondent has prayed to dismiss the present appeal.

On checking the upto-date status of the writ petitions filed by the respondent institute, it is revealed that the interim order is still in operation and the case is fixed for 16.03.2019. It will be appropriate to wait for the order to be rendered on 16.03.2019

Both the parties are directed to come present on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to **30.04.2019 at 11.00 A.M.**

Copies of the order be sent to both the parties.

Dated: 06.03.2019

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....Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, PB,
Sector- 17, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 1127 of 2018

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, Complainant is present.
Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab
is present on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

This case was last heard on 16.01.2019.

Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO comes present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent. He handed over the requisite information to the Complainant during the proceedings of the court.

After receiving the information, Sh. Manjinder Singh requested for an adjournment as he seeks time to go through the supplied information.

In view of above, the request of the Complainant, Sh. Manjinder Singh has been accepted and he is advised to go through the requisite information and point out the deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission. The Complainant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing. The Respondent/PIO is advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing along with the information after removing the deficiencies, if any, pointed out by the Complainant.

The case is adjourned to **24.04.2019 at 11.00 A.M.**

Copies of the order be sent to both the parties.

Dated: 06.03.2019

Sd/-
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