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Shri Vicky Bajaj, (96531-00631),

S/o Sh. K.L. Bajaj,

R/o 51, Vikas Vihar, Phase-1,

Ferozepur. …Appellant Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Regional Transport Authority,

Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O Punjab, State Transport Commissioner,

Sector-17, Chandigarh. ….. Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 3413 of 2017**

Present: Shri Vicky Bajaj, appellant, in person.

Shri Gurpreet Singh, Data Entry Operator, on behalf of the respondents.

**ORDER:**

This case was last heard on 19-04-2018 and was adjourned for today.

2. Today, both the parties are present. The representative of respondents submits the remaining information in the court which is handed over to the appellant. After going through the provided information, the appellant expresses his satisfaction and requests the court to close the case.

3. As the sought for information stands supplied, the case is ordered to be **disposed of and closed.**

4. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, ( Hem Inder Singh )

Dated: 07-06-2018. State Information Commissioner

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Shri Kuldeep Raj Kaila,

196/10, Kainthan, Dasuya- 144205,

Distt. Hoshiarpur. …Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Senior Superintendent of Police (Rural),

Jalandhar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O Senior Superintendent of Police (Rural),

Jalandhar. … Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2043 of 2017**

Present: None on behalf of appellant.

Shri Ashwani Kumar and Shri Bhupinder Singh, ASIs, on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

On the last date of hearing on 18-04-2018, the appellant was directed to be present in the court on the next date of hearing. Today also the appellant is not present in the court and nothing has been heard from him.

2. The representatives of respondents reiterate their earlier stand that the sought information has already been supplied to the appellant by registered post on 18-08-2017.

3. The appellant is given a last and final opportunity to be present in the court on the next date of hearing. In case of non appearance by the appellant, it will be assumed that he is satisfied with the supplied information and the case will be decided on merit. Adjourned.

4. To come up for further hearing on **24-07-2018 at 12.30 PM.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, ( Hem Inder Singh )

Dated: 07-06-2018. State Information Commissioner

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Shri Vicky Bajaj s/o Sh. K.L.Bajaj,

H.No.51, Vikas Vihar, Phase-1,

Ferozepur. …Appellant Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Secretary, RTA, Faridkot

Public Information Officer,

Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-

Licensing and Registering Authority,

Moga.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O Additional State Transport Commissioner,

Punjab, SCO No. 177-78, Sector 17-B, Chandigarh. …Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1850 of 2017**

Present: Shri Vicky Bajaj, appellant, in person.

Shri Neeeraj Kumar, office of Secretary, RTA, Faridkot, on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

The representative of respondents appearing on behalf of Secretary, RTA, Faridkot submits that the sought for information is to be supplied by the PIO of office of Licensing & Registering Authority, Moga. None is present on behalf of PIO of Licensing Authority, Moga.

2. The PIO-cum- Licensing & Registering Authority, Moga is directed to be present in the court along with the information to be supplied to the appellant.

3. The PIO of office of Secretary, RTA, Faridkot is exempted from further appearance in the court. Adjourned.

4. To come up for further hearing on **24-07-2018 at 12.30 PM.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, (Hem Inder Singh)

Dated: 07-06-2018. State Information Commissioner

CC: Licensing & Registering Authority, Moga, with the direction to be present in the court on the next date of hearing. In case of non appearance, punitive proceedings will be initiated against the respondent-PIO.

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Shri Vinod Kumar S/o Sh. Ami Chand,

R/o House No. 563-P, Sector-2,

Urban Estate Kurukshetra,

District Kurukshetra. …Appellant Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O Punjab State Transport Commissioner,

Sector-17, Chandigarh. ….. Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 3298 of 2017**

Present: None on behalf of appellant.

Shri Neeraj Kumar, on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

The representative of respondents reiterates his earlier stand that the sought for information has already been supplied to the appellant by registered post on 23-03-2018.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an e-mail is received in the Commission office from the appellant in which he has sought adjournment.

3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned and fixed for further hearing on **24-07-2018 at 12.30 PM.**

4. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, ( Hem Inder Singh )

Dated:07-06-2018. State Information Commissioner

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R/o House No. 563-P, Sector-2,

Urban Estate Kurukshetra,

District Kurukshetra. …Appellant Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Regional Transport Authority,

Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O Punjab State Transport Commissioner,

Sector-17, Chandigarh. ….. Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 3299 of 2017**

Present: None on behalf of appellant.

Shri Shiv Kumar, Data Entry Operator, on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

The representative of respondents submits a copy of letter dated 10-04-2018, which is placed in the case file, vide which the sought for information has been supplied to him.

2. The appellant is absent. However, an e-mail is received in the Commission office from the appellant in which he has sought adjournment.

3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned and fixed for further hearing on **24-07-2018 at 12.30 PM.**

4. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, ( Hem Inder Singh )

Dated:07-06-2018. State Information Commissioner

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Shri Amandeep Singh,

J-538/64, BRS Nagar, Ludhiana- 141012. …Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

SCO No. 177-78, Sector 17C, Chandigarh. … Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2520 of 2017**

Present: Shri Amandeep Singh, appellant in person.

Shri Gurpal Singh Sidhu, APIO and Shri Gurcharan Singh, ATO, from Ludhiana, on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

Today, both the parties are present. The representatives of respondents submit information in the court which is handed over to the appellant. After going through the supplied information, the appellant points out that the furnished information is incomplete.

2. The RTI application is discussed point wise. After discussion the respondents are directed to provide the information as discussed in the court before the next date of hearing.

3. A perusal of case file shows that the appellant submitted his RTI application with the PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana on 27-10-2016. The PIO supplied some information vide letter No. 2396 dated 28-02-2017. As part of the sought information related to the office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, therefore, the PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana requested the PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, vide letter No.6962, dated 04-11-2016 to provide the information relating to their office to the appellant.

4. The representative of Secretary, RTA, Ludhiana states in the court that the appellant has inspected the record on 15-05-2018 and the information, as identified by him pertaining to para Nos. 1,2,3,7 and 8, has been provided to him. A letter dated 17-05-2018 to this effect has also been received in the Commission office, which is placed in the record file.

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**Appeal Case No. 2520 of 2017** -2-

According to the above said letter, the information which related to the office of Secretary, RTA, Ludhiana stands supplied and the remaining information is to be provided by the PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh. Therefore, the PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh is impleaded as" deemed PIO" and he is directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

6. After that, the appellant presents his written submission stating therein that he submitted his RTI application with the PIO on 27-10-2016 and the respondents have not supplied complete information till date. The written submission of the appellant is retained in the case file. Adjourned.

7. To come up for further hearing on **24-07-2018 at 12.30 PM.**

8. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, ( Hem Inder Singh )

Dated: 07-06-2018. State Information Commissioner

**CC: PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,**

**SCO No. 177-178, Sector 17-B, Chandigarh with a copy of RTI application dated 27-10-2016.**

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Shri Parveen Kumar Kataria, (98883-22285),

Advocate.

H.No. 258, Sector-4, MDC,

Panchkula. …Appellant Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Executive Engineer,

Construction Division No.1, PWD (B&R) Branch,

Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O Executive Engineer, Construction Division Np.1,

PWD (B&R) Branch, Amritsar. ….. Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 3288 of 2017**

Present: Shri Mukesh Sharma, Advocate on behalf of appellant.

None on behalf of the respondents.

**ORDER:**

On the last date of hearing on 18-04-2018, the respondents were directed to depute an official who has background knowledge of the RTI cases.

2. The advocate for the appellant states that though the respondents have supplied the information, but by going through the supplied information, it is difficult to pin point as to which information relates to which point. Today, none is present on behalf of respondents.

3. The respondents are directed to be present in the court on the next date of hearing. In case of non appearance by the respondents, strict action under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005, will be initiated against the respondent-PIO. Adjourned.

4. To come up for further hearing on **24-07-2018 at 12.30 PM.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, ( Hem Inder Singh )

Dated: 07-06-2018. State Information Commissioner

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S/o Late Shri Nachattar Singh,   
House No. 2722, Street No. 5,

Rajesh Nagar, Haibowal Kalan-141001,

Ludhiana. …Appellant Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Guru Angad Dev Veterinary University,

Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O Registrar, Guru Angad Dev Veterinary University,

Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana. ... Respondents

**APPEAL CASE NO. 113 of 2018**

Present: Shri Gurdeep Singh, appellant, in person.

Shri Jarnail Singh, Clerk on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

Last heard on 18-04-2018.

2. Today, both the parties are present. The representative of respondents submits information in the court which is handed over to the appellant. After going through the provided information, the appellant points out that the supplied information is incomplete.

3. The RTI application is discussed point wise in the court. After discussion, the respondents are directed to provide the copies of joining reports, along with names of the officials, working as Daily Paid Labour (DPL). Adjourned.

4. To come up for further hearing on **01-08-2018 at 11.00 AM.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, (Hem Inder Singh)

Dated: 07-06-2018. State Information Commissioner

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Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla,

Voice Organisation (Regd),

Opp. Tehsil Office, Lehragaga-148031,

Distt. Sangrur. …Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, … Respondents

O/O Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

**Appeal Case No. 1243 of 2017**

Present: Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla, appellant in person.

None on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

On the last date of hearing on 18-04-2018, the respondents were directed to send the copies of sought for information to the appellant by registered post before the next date of hearing. The appellant states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

2. The respondents are absent. However, an e-mail is received from the PIO-cum- Deputy Commissioner, Police, Ludhiana in which he has sought adjournment due to law and order situation.

3. Accordingly, the case is adjourned and fixed for further hearing on **06-09-2018 at 11.00 AM.** and the respondents are directed to be present in the court on the next date of hearing along with the information to be supplied to the appellant.

4. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, (Hem Inder Singh)

Dated: 07-06-2018 State Information Commissioner

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Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla,

Voice Organisation (REgd),

Opp. Tehsil Office, Lehragaga-148031,

Distt. Sangrur. …Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.Punjab,

Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar

Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.Punjab,

Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar

Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

o/o Director Local Government, Punjab,

Sathanak Sarkar Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh. … Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1245 of 2017**

Present: Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla, appellant, in person.

Shri Sandeep Kumar, Senior Assistant, office of Director Local Government on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

Last heard on 18-04-2018.

2. Today, both the parties are present. The appellant says that no information has been supplied till date. The representative of respondents states that the letters have been issued to the concerned offices for supplying the information but the same has not yet been received in the head office.

3. The RTI application is discussed in the court and after discussion, the respondents are directed to supply the point wise information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. Ms. Sudha Rani, PIO-cum- Superintendent, Establishment Branch, office of Director Local Government, Punjab, is directed to attend the court personally on the hearing date. Adjourned.

4. To come up for further hearing on **06-09-2018 at 11.00 AM.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, ( Hem Inder Singh )

Dated: 07-06-2018 State Information Commissioner

CC: The PIO of office of Additional Secretary to Govt. Punjab, Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh is directed to be present in the court on the next date of hearing.

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Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla,

Voice Organisation (REgd),

Opp. Tehsil Office, Lehragaga-148031,

Distt. Sangrur. …Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.Punjab,

Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar

Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.Punjab,

Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar

Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

o/o Director Local Government, Punjab,

Sathanak Sarkar Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh. … Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1244 of 2017**

Present: Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla, appellant, in person.

Shri Sandeep Kumar, Senior Assistant, office of Director Local Government on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

Last heard on 18-04-2018.

2. Today, both the parties are present. The appellant says that no information has been supplied till date. The representative of respondents states that the letters have been issued to the concerned offices for supplying the information but the same has not yet been received in the head office.

3. The RTI application is discussed in the court and after discussion, the respondents are directed to supply the point wise information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. Ms. Sudha Rani, PIO-cum- Superintendent, Establishment Branch, office of Director Local Government, Punjab, is directed to attend the court personally on the hearing date. Adjourned.

4. To come up for further hearing on **06-09-2018 at 11.00 AM.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, ( Hem Inder Singh )

Dated: 07-06-2018 State Information Commissioner

CC: The PIO of office of Additional Secretary to Govt. Punjab, Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh is directed to be present in the court on the next date of hearing.

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Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla,

Voice Organisation (REgd),

Opp. Tehsil Office, Lehragaga-148031,

Distt. Sangrur. …Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Punjab,

Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar

Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Punjab,

Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar

Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

o/o Director Local Government, Punjab,

Sathanak Sarkar Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh. … Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1239 of 2017**

Present: Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla, appellant, in person.

Shri Sandeep Kumar, Senior Assistant, office of Director Local Government on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

Last heard on 18-04-2018.

2. Today, both the parties are present. The appellant says that no information has been supplied till date. The representative of respondents states that the letters have been issued to the concerned offices for supplying the information but the same has not yet been received in the head office.

3. The RTI application is discussed in the court and after discussion, the respondents are directed to supply the point wise information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. Ms. Sudha Rani, PIO-cum- Superintendent, Establishment Branch, office of Director Local Government, Punjab, is directed to attend the court personally on the hearing date. Adjourned.

4. To come up for further hearing on **06-09-2018 at 11.00 AM.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, ( Hem Inder Singh )

Dated: 07-06-2018 State Information Commissioner

CC: The PIO of office of Additional Secretary to Govt. Punjab, Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh is directed to be present in the court on the next date of hearing.

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Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla,

Voice Organisation (Regd),

Opp. Tehsil Office, Lehragaga-148031,

Distt. Sangrur. …Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Punjab,

Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar

Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, … Respondents

O/O Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Punjab,

Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar

Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

o/o Director Local Government, Punjab,

Sathanak Sarkar Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

**Appeal Case No. 1237 of 2017**

Present: Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla, appellant, in person.

Shri Sandeep Kumar, Senior Assistant, office of Director Local Government on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

Last heard on 18-04-2018.

2. Today, both the parties are present. The appellant says that no information has been supplied till date. The representative of respondents submits copies of information which are handed over to the appellant in the court. After going through the provided information, the appellant points out that the supplied information relates to the year 2011 and he had sought information on his complaint submitted on 20-11-2015. The copies of supplied information are returned to the representative of respondents.

3. The RTI application is discussed in the court and after discussion, the respondents are directed to supply the point wise information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. Ms. Sudha Rani, PIO-cum- Superintendent, Establishment Branch, office of Director Local Government, Punjab, is directed to attend the court personally on the hearing date. Adjourned.

4. To come up for further hearing on **06-09-2018 at 11.00 AM.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties. Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, ( Hem Inder Singh )

Dated: 07-06-2018 State Information Commissioner

CC: The PIO of office of Additional Secretary to Govt. Punjab, Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh is directed to be present in the court on the next date of hearing.

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Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla,

Voice Organisation (REgd),

Opp. Tehsil Office, Lehragaga-148031,

Distt. Sangrur. …Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.Punjab,

Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar

Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.Punjab,

Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar

Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer

o/o Director Local Government, Punjab,

Sathanak Sarkar Bhawan, Sector 35, Chandigarh. … Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1238 of 2017**

Present: Shri Rakesh Kumar Singla, appellant, in person.

Shri Sandeep Kumar, Senior Assistant, office of Director Local Government on behalf of respondents.

**ORDER:**

Last heard on 18-04-2018.

2. Today, both the parties are present. The appellant says that no information has been supplied till date. The representative of respondents submits copies of information which are handed over to the appellant in the court. After going through the provided information, the appellant points out that the supplied information relates to the year 2011 and he had sought information on his complaint submitted on 20-11-2015. The copies of supplied information are returned to the representative of respondents.

3. The RTI application is discussed in the court and after discussion, the respondents are directed to supply the point wise information to the appellant before the next date of hearing. Ms. Sudha Rani, PIO-cum- Superintendent, Establishment Branch, office of Director Local Government, Punjab, is directed to attend the court personally on the hearing date. Adjourned.

4. To come up for further hearing on **06-09-2018 at 11.00 AM.**

5. Copy of order be sent to the parties. Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, ( Hem Inder Singh )

Dated: 07-06-2018 State Information Commissioner

CC: The PIO of office of Additional Secretary to Govt. Punjab, Department of Local Government, Sathanak Sarkar Bhawan, Sector-35, Chandigarh is directed to be present in the court on the next date of hearing.

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Shri Vicky Bajaj s/o Sh. K.L.Bajaj,

H.No.51, Vikas Vihar, Phase-1,

Ferozepur. …Appellant Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O DTO-cum- Regional Transport Authority,

Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority,

O/O Additional State Transport Commissioner,

Punjab, SCO No. 177-78, Sector 17-B,

Chandigarh. …Respondents **Appeal Case No. 1851 of 2017**

Present: Shri Vicky Bajaj, appellant, in person.

Shri Neeraj Kumar, on behalf of the respondents.

**ORDER:**

On the last date of hearing vide order dated 19-04-2018, a penalty amounting to Rs. 15,000/- was imposed on the then respondent-PIO, Shri Baldev Randhawa, and a compensation amounting to Rs. 5,000/- was awarded to be paid to the appellant.

2. Today, both the parties are present. The appellant says that neither the information supplied nor the compensation has been paid till date. The representative of respondents does not give a satisfactory reply as to why the information has not been supplied and the compensation has also not been paid to the appellant.

3. A perusal of case file shows that the appellant, Shri Vicky Bajaj, submitted a RTI application with the respondent-PIO on 15-09-2016. On the very first hearing on 17-08-2017, the respondents were absent. However, an e-mail message was received in the Commission office from the PIO seeking adjournment. On 19-09-2017 and 11-01-2018, none was present on behalf of respondents, neither they had provided the sought for information to the appellant. However, an e-mail message dated 25-10-2017 was received in the Commission office from the respondent-PIO stating therein that the information had been supplied to the appellant on 18-09-2017 by post. However, the appellant had stated that he had not received any information till date.

4. Accordingly, on 11-01-2018, a show cause notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, was issued to the then PIO, Shri Baldev Randhawa. At the time of issue of show cause notice, Shri Baldev Randhawa was there at Ferozepur as Secretary, RTA. He was directed to be present in the court along with the written explanation stating clearly the reasons for not providing the sought information within the stipulated time of 30 days. If the contention of the respondent-PIO is taken as true that he had provided the information on 18-09-2017, it comes out that he took almost one year to provide the information, the fact which the representative of respondents could not prove. Contd..p/2

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5. On the fixed date of hearing on 06-03-2018, the respondent-PIO, Shri Baldev Randhawa did not appear in the court. Instead of being present in person in the court, he deputed Mr. Ramesh Kumar, a Clerk of his office on his behalf.

6. On 06-03-2018, Shri Baldev Randhawa, PIO was afforded last opportunity to be present in the court on 19-04-2018, but he did not attend the court. Instead of being present in person and submitting his explanation for the delay in providing the information, he again deputed a Data Entry Operator l to appear on his behalf without giving him any authority letter. Therefore, seeing the defying attitude of respondent-PIO, Shri Baldev Randhawa, taking the orders of Commission for a ride, a penalty of Rs. 15,000/- was imposed upon Shri Randhawa.

7. On receipt of orders of imposing penalty, Shri Baldev Randhawa, sent a letter dated 14-05-2018 giving his explanation for not providing the information and passed on the onus of not providing information to other officers who were there posted as Secretary, RTA, Ferozepur. But he did not attend the court in person. As per his explanation, the different officers, who remained at Ferozepur as PIOs during the period from 15-09-2016 to till date, the same is reproduced as under :-

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| Sr.No. | Name of Officer | From | To | Total stay |
| 01 | Paramdeep Singh, PCS | 15-09-2016 | 12/2016 | 3-1/2 months |
| 02 | Harjit Singh Sandhu, PCS | 12/2016 | 18-08-2017 | 8 months |
| 03 | Jaswant Singh Dhillonb | 29-08-2017 | 07-09-2017 | 10 days |
| 04 | Baldev Randhawa | 08-09-2017 | 27-02-2018 | About 6 months |

8. When a show cause notice under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, 2005, was issued to the then PIO, Shri Baldev Randhawa on 11-01-2018, at that time Shri Baldev Randhawa was posted as Secretary, RTA, Ferozepur. Therefore the present incumbent was served a show cause notice and keeping the fact in view that it was Mr. Randhawa, who failed to comply with the orders of Commission despite issuance of directions to be present in person and to explain his position for the delay in providing information to the appellant. He did not bother to attend the court on 11-01-2018, 06-03-2018, 19-04-2018 and today 07-06-2018, rather he dispatched his reply to the court by post on 14-05-2018 on the receipt of orders of imposing penalty upon him.

9. The Commission comes to a concrete conclusion that the respondent-PIO, Shri Baldev Randhawa has not taken the orders of Commission seriously and has not taken interest in implementing the orders. Therefore taking into view all the facts, the penalty of Rs. 15,000/- imposed upon Shri Baldev Randhawa, the then PIO-cum- Secretary, RTA, Ferozepur, now Secretary, RTA, Gurdaspur, still stands and the Drawing and Disbursing Officer, office of Secretary, RTA, Gurdaspur, is directed to deduct the

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amount of penalty from the pay of Shri Baldev Randhawa for the month of July, 2018 to be paid in August, 2018 and to deposit the same in State Treasury and to report its compliance to the Commission.

10. The PIO of office of Secretary, RTA, Ferozepur is directed to make the payment of compensation of Rs. 5,000/- awarded to the appellant, Shri Vicky Bajaj, before the next date of hearing. Adjourned.

11. The case is adjourned and fixed for further hearing on **24-07-2018 at 12.30 PM.**

12. Copies of order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

Place: Chandigarh, (Hem Inder Singh)

Dated: 07-06-2018. State Information Commissioner

**CC-** (i) Mr. Baldev Randhawa, Regional Transport Authority-cum-PIO,

o/o Regional Transport Authority, Gurdaspur, for compliance of orders.

(ii) State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

SCO No. 177-78, Sector 17B, Chandigarh.