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Shri Prem Kumar Rattan,
H.No.78/8, Park Road,
Navi Mandi, Dhuri,
District Sangrur

.....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Govt.,Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1592/2020

Present: (i) **Shri Prem Kumar Rattan, Appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.04.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. The appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not received the information so far after removal of the deficiencies pointed out by him.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on his behalf.
4. The Bench observes that neither the rectified information to the appellant has been supplied nor the PIO has produced any evidence for having deposited the amount of penalty imposed. The Bench further observes that the PIO or any other official from M.C. Khanna had attended the hearing on four consecutive dates of hearing and on 07.04.2021, Shri Rajesh Rehni, Junior Engineer had

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appeared for the hearing. He was apprised of the status of the appeal case and even was made to talk to the appellant. In spite of that, the PIO has not bothered to comply with the directions of the Bench and has adopted a casual approach towards the orders of Commission. This is viewed adversely.

5. The PIO is directed to supply the rectified information to the appellant after removing the deficiencies as also to deposit the amount of penalty and to produce the evidence for having deposited the penalty on the next hearing. He is also directed to come present before the Bench bringing along the relevant records and produce before the Bench.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.09.2021 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 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,
Local Bodies, Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No.3000 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Surinder Kumar, Appellant.
(ii) Shri Ramesh Kumar, Inspector O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council,
Fatehgarh Churian, District Gurdaspur, on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.04.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The appeal case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Surinder Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not been supplied complete information as per his RTI application.
3. Shri Ramesh Kumar, Inspector, Municipal Council, Fatehgarh Churian comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that whatever information is available in the official records, has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 07.01.2021.
4. On the asking of Bench, appellant states that he is not satisfied with the information supplied.

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5. Post deliberations with the appellant and representative of the PIO, the Bench directs the PIO to provide point-wise information to the appellant clarifying the position with regard to his RTI application before the next hearing as also to file affidavit as per directions given during the previous hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.09.2021 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 Shakti Bhushan
S/o Shri Kewal Krishan Kaushal
R/o Street Bhaini Sahib,
Ward No.8, Dhanaula,
District Barnala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Assistant Transport Officer,
O/o Secretary, R.T.A.Bathinda.

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

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,Bathinda.

....Respondents

AC No.1879 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Shakti Bhushan, Appellant**
(ii) **Shri Baljit Singh, Section Officer/PIO, Secretary, O/o R.T.A. Bathinda**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex/on Mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.04.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today. Shri Shakti Bhushan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has received only partial information.
3. Shri Baljit Singh, Section Officer, PIO O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information sought by the appellant relates to about 1800 vehicles which is voluminous. He further states that the information asked for could earlier be accessed at the level of R.T.A. but with effect from 03.02.2021, the authority to access it is only with the office of S.T.C. Punjab.

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4. The appellant Shri Shakti Bhushan states that he has visited the office of PIO three times and he was asked for a pen drive to transfer the information in it. During his visits to the PIO, he is harassed and only partial information is given and he is further told to visit again for the balance inputs.

5. The PIO O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab is impleaded as Respondent No.2. He is directed to supply information to the appellant as stated by the PIO O/o R.T.A. Bathinda. The PIO O/o R.T.A. Bathinda is also directed to ensure that complete information is provided to the appellant before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.09.2021 at 11.30 AM through Cisco Webex.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Brijinder Kumar, IPS(Retd.)
H.No.593, IAS/IPC Society,
Sector-49A, Chandigarh.

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Chief Town Planner,
GMADA, PUDA Bhawan,
Phase-8, S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondent

CC No.36/2021

Present: (I) **Shri Brijinder Kumar, complainant in person**
(ii) **None from the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.04.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard through Cisco Webex. However, Shri Brijinder Kumar, complainant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench and states that he has not been supplied any information so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Chief Town Planner, GMADA, Mohali has come present nor he has deputed any of the representatives to attend the hearing. He was absent on the previous hearing also. The Bench observes that the RTI application of the complainant is dated 18.12.2018 and the complaint in the Commission has been filed on 28.12.2020. Accordingly, the PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous hearing. But he has neither supplied any information to the complainant nor has come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. Further, no reply to the show cause notice has been filed. The Bench takes serious note of the absence of PIO as also of the non-compliance of the directions of the Bench.
4. The PIO is once again directed to comply with the directions of the Bench given on the previous hearing as also to file reply to show cause notice, before the next hearing.

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5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.09.2021 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 Sandeep Singh
S/o Shri Kashmir Singh
R/o Village Muazam,
Tehsil & District Fazilka.

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Addl. Deputy Commissioner
(Development), Fazilka.

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development &
Panchayat Officer, Fazilka

...Respondent

CC No.179/2021

Present: (I) **Shri Sandeep Singh, complainant**
(ii) **None from the PIO/respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 12.04.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Sandeep Singh, complainant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex and states that he has not been supplied any information so far.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Fazilka has come present nor he has deputed any of the representatives to attend the hearing. However, a letter dated 30.04.2021 received by e.mail is available in the case file vide which he has informed to have sent the RTI application to the BDPO Fazilka who has been directed to supply the requisite information vide letter dated 16.03.2021. He has also been directed to file reply to the show cause notice issued to him.
4. The Bench observes that it is the second consecutive hearing when the PIO from either of the offices has neither come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor has supplied any information to the complainant. This indifferent and lackadaisical attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

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5. The show cause notice issued to PIO, O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Fazilka is dropped in view of the case having been transferred to BDPO Fazilka. However, the PIO O/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer, Fazilka is again directed to file reply to show cause notice as also to supply the information asked for by the complainant before next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.09.2021 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 Gurwinder Singh
S/o Shri Bagicha Singh
Vill.Baja, Tehsil Sultanpur Lodhi,
PO Burewal, Distt. Kapurthala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Sr.Superintendent of Police,
Fazilka.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Dy.Inspector General of Police,
Ferozepur Range,
Ferozepur Cantt.

....Respondents

AC No.1292 of 2021

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **Shri Manvinder Singh, SP (HQs) O/o SSP Fazilka, the respondent.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 13.10.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. The first appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 27.11.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 08.03.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The notice of hearing was issued to the parties through Cisco Webex. Shri Gurwinder Singh, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Manvinder Singh, SP (HQ), O/o SSP Fazilka comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 01.05.2021 by registered post.
4. Post deliberations with Shri Manvinder Singh, SP (HQ), the PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office and allow him access to the relevant official records. The information identified by the appellant after inspection of records will be provided by the PIO before the next hearing.



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5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.09.2021 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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S/o Shri Gurcharan Singh
Village Manemajra,
Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib
District Ropar.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

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

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

...Respondents

AC No.1758/2020

Present: (i) **Shri Manjit Singh, Appellant**
(ii) **Shri Gurbax Singh, Draftsman/APIO, O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.**
(iii) **Shri Rohit Sood, Junior Assistant, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex/on Mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 23.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing as the hearing of dated 12.05.2021 was postponed.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Manjit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Gurbax Singh, Draftsman O/o S.T.C. Punjab comes present through Cisco Webex and states that reply to points No.1,6,7 & 8 has been given and that reply to points No.2,3,4 & 5 is to be given by the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana.
4. The Bench, on perusal of the RTI application, observes that the information sought vide Points No.1,6,7 & 8 has been supplied to the appellant by the PIO O/o S.T.C.,Punjab in the instant appeal case and the information on Points No.2,3,4 & 5 is personal information of the official named therein.

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The Bench further observes that the case today was represented by Shri Rohit Sood as the respondent. This was not in order as the information sought by the appellant relates to him. The Bench, during examination of documents, found that there are a number of adverse allegations against Rohit Sood by different appellants. Although the information sought is personal, however, since the appellant claimed that Rohit Sood indulged in corrupt practices, the information sought will be made available to ensure transparency, accountability and corruption free functioning.

5. The PIO/respondent is directed to depute an official, other than Rohit Sood, to represent the PIO in the case before the Bench on the next date of hearing.

6. In view of the aforesaid observations, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.09.2021 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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Village Manemajra,
Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib
District Ropar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport
Authority, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport
Authority, Ludhiana.

...Respondents

AC No.1760/2020

Present:

- (i) **Shri Manjit Singh, Appellant**
- (ii) **Shri Rohit Sood, Junior Assistant, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex/on Mobile phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 23.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing as the hearing of dated 12.05.2021 was postponed.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Manjit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Rohit Sood, Junior Assistant, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex, but due to poor connectivity, he is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the PIO had sent a letter dated 04.12.2020 to the Commission stating that the information as sought by the appellant is personal and private which is not permissible under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act.
4. The Bench, on perusal of the RTI application, observes that the information sought vide Points No.1,6,7 & 8 has been supplied to the appellant in another Appeal Case No.1758/2020 and the

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information on Points No.2,3,4 & 5 is personal information of the official named therein. The Bench further observes that the case today was represented by Shri Rohit Sood as the respondent. This was not in order as the information sought by the appellant relates to him. The Bench, during examination of documents, found that there are a number of adverse allegations against Rohit Sood by different appellants. Although the information sought is personal, however, since the appellant claimed that Rohit Sood indulged in corrupt practices, the information sought will be made available to ensure transparency, accountability and corruption free functioning.

7. The PIO/respondent is directed to depute an official, other than Rohit Sood, to represent the PIO in the case before the Bench on the next date of hearing.

8. In view of the aforesaid observations, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.09.2021 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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R/o Village Manemajra,
Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
District Roopnagar.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal Secretary,
Transport Department, Punjab
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,
Sector-9,, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

CC No.753/2020

Present:

- (i) **Shri Manjit Singh, Complainant**
- (ii) **Shri Tarlochan Singh, Superintendent O/o Principal Secretary, Transport, Punjab, on behalf of the PIO.**
- (iii) **Smt. Sunita Rani, Sr. Assistant, P.R.T.C. Patiala on behalf of PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 23.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing as the hearing of dated 12.05.2021 was postponed.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Manjit Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not received any information.
3. Smt. Sunita Rani, Senior Assistant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of PIO O/o P.R.T.C., Patiala and states that the complainant has been supplied information vide letter dated 12.04.2021.
4. Shri Tarlochan Singh, Superintendent O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. Of Punjab, Department of Transport, Chandigarh comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the complainant has been supplied point-wise information vide letter dated 10.05.2021.

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5. The Bench, on perusal of the information supplied to the complainant, observes that the complainant has been supplied point-wise information vide letter dated 10.05.2021 by registered post and to say that he has not received the information which comprises about 35 pages, is not tenable. The Bench also observes that the reply given by the PIO O/o P.R.T.C. Patiala has also been incorporated in the letter dated 10.05.2021. He is, however, being sent a copy of the said information along with this order.

6. The complainant is advised to go through the information supplied vide letter dated 10.05.2021 and point out deficiencies, if any, to the PIO who will supply the rectified information after removing the deficiencies so pointed out.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 22.09.2021 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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