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Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate (9041004313)

Civil Court Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur 144410.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal Secy., Transport Pb.,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secy., Transport Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1336/2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh
(ii) Respondent: absent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 10.11.2021 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 15.12.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.3.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but nobody is present from the respondent department.
3. The appellant states that a considerable time has gone in vain but the information is still awaited.
4. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case. In pursuance of this, the PIO is directed to file a written submission in response to the Notice of the Commission and should present this case personally (through cisco webex), on the next date of hearing, failing which consequences shall follow. A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.
5. To come up on **02.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 07.09.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o State Tpt. Commissioner Pb.,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Tpt. Commissioner Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1338/2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh
(ii) Respondent: Ms Kulwinder Kaur, PIO

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 10.11.2021 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 15.12.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.3.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that a considerable time has passed but the information sought is still awaited.
4. The respondent states that information had already been sent to the appellant on 06.09.2022 and a copy of the same is sent to the Commission on 06.09.2022 via an email, which is received and taken on record.
5. After discussing with both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, respondent PIO is directed to send information again to the appellant via an email today itself. Appellant is advised to point out deficiency in the supplied information within seven days, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **02.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,

Sector 125, Kharar,

Distt. Mohali 140301.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o Secy., Regional Transport ,
Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport ,
Sangrur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1323 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
(ii) Respondent: Sh. Rakesh Joshi

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 21.12.2021 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 27.1.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.3.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The respondent, Sh. Rakesh Joshi states that the information sought for is huge in nature and is to be created. He further states that specific information may be asked for that can be provided.
4. The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh bring into the notice of the Commission that he has received similar information from RTA, Jalandhar but RTA, Sangrur denied to supply the same.
5. On this, respondent, Sh. Rakesh Joshi states that concerned official; Sh. Avtar Singh is unable to attend hearing and requests for an adjournment in this case.
6. After hearing both the parties in detail, respondent PIO is directed to supply the information on the pattern of RTA, Jalandhar within 7 days from today. The appellant shall point out ambiguity, if any, on receipt of the information under intimation to the Commission.
7. ***Respondent PIO is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing at Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh along with copy of demanded information. A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.***
8. Appellant is on liberty either to join the hearing through CISCO WEBEX (Meeting Number 1582933632) or at Commission's office.
9. Matter is fixed for further hearing on **16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07.09.2022

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Distt. Mohali 140301.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport ,
Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport ,
Hoshiarpur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1324 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
(ii) Respondent: Sh. Surinder Bhandari (PIO)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 21.12.2021 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 27.1.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.3.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that a considerable time has passed but the information sought is still awaited as he is not satisfied with the supplied information.
4. The respondent states that they have supplied the information on 30.5.2022.
5. After discussing with both the parties in detail, respondent PIO is directed to supply the information again to the appellant within seven days from today. The appellant is also advised to point deficiencies, if any, on receipt of the information within 7 days to the respondent under intimation to the Commission.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Distt. Mohali 140301.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport ,
Ferozepur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport ,
Ferozepur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1325 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
(ii) Respondent: Sh. Gurmeet Singh.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 21.12.2021 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 27.1.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.3.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that a considerable time has passed but the information sought is still awaited.
4. The respondent Sh. Gurmeet Singh requests for an adjournment.
5. Request of the respondent is granted with the directions to supply the information to the appellant within seven days from today. The appellant is also advised to point deficiencies, if any, on receipt of the information within 7 days to the respondent under intimation to the Commission.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali 140301.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport,
Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport,
Patiala

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1267 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
(ii) Respondent: Sh. Harjit Singh.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 15.12.2021 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 17.1.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.3.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that a considerable time has passed but the information sought is still awaited.
4. The respondent states that the appellant has been intimated yesterday by mail stating therein that information sought for cannot be given under 7.9 of the RTI Act, 2005. Appellant could ask information against particular vehicles, which will be supplied to him.
5. After discussing with both the parties in detail, respondent PIO is directed to supply the information to the appellant within seven days from today. The appellant is also advised to point deficiencies, if any, on receipt of the information within 7 days to the respondent under intimation to the Commission.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Sh. Shubhpreet (9988389082)

H.No.H-2, Govt. ITI,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Govt. Indl. Training Institute,
Pathankot

First Appellate Authority

O/o Govt. Indl. Training Institute,
Pathankot

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1300 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Shubhpreet

(ii) Respondent: absent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 1.11.2021 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 20.12.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.3.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing appellant is present and states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is not present but a letter no. 1587 dated 5.9.2022 and an email dated 05.09.2022 is received in connection with appeal case no. 1300/2022 and appeal case no. 1301/2022 through which respondent intimates the Commission that he has to attend the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court on 7.9.2022, therefore, he may be granted exemption from today's hearing fixed before the undersigned Bench. Both letter and email are taken on record.
4. Request of the respondent PIO is granted with the directions to him to supply the point-wise reply/information as per RTI application within ten days after receipt of this order, so that matter could be decided on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to represent this case on the next date of hearing, in case, he is unable to attend hearing, depute a well versed person to represent case on his behalf, positively.
5. Appellant is also advised to point out ambiguity, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of the information.
6. To come up on **16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 07.09.2022

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Sh. Shubhpreet (9988389082)
H.No.H-2, Govt. ITI,
Pathankot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Govt. Indl. Training Institute,
Bamiyal, Distt. Pathankot

First Appellate Authority
O/o Govt. Indl. Training Institute Bamiyal,
Distt. Pathankot

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1301 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Shubhpreet
(ii) Respondent: absent.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 1.11.2021 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 20.12.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.3.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing appellant is present and states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is not present but a letter no. 1587 dated 5.9.2022 and an email dated 05.09.2022 is received in connection with appeal case no. 1300/2022 and appeal case no. 1301/2022 through which respondent intimates the Commission that he has to attend the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court on 7.9.2022, therefore, he may be granted exemption from today's hearing fixed before the undersigned Bench. Both letter and email are taken on record.
4. Request of the respondent PIO is granted with the directions to him to supply the point-wise reply/information as per RTI application within ten days after receipt of this order, so that matter could be decided on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to represent this case on the next date of hearing, in case, he is unable to attend hearing, depute a well versed person to represent case on his behalf, positively.
5. Appellant is also advised to point out ambiguity, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of the information.
6. To come up on **16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 07.09.2022

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Sh. Harmit Singh Sidhu (Reporter) (9878691567)

Rojana Desh Sewak,
C/o Baba Kala Finance Co.,
Phul Road,
Rampuraphul, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Rampuraphul, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC(Urban Dev), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1375 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Harmit Singh Sidhu
(ii) Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 16.12.2021 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 1.2.2022 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.3.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but the respondent is absent in spite of registered notice.
3. The appellant states that sufficient time has elapsed the sought for information as per his RTI application has not been received till date.
4. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case. In pursuance of this, the PIO is directed to file a written submission in response to the Notice of the Commission and should present this case personally (through cisco webex), on the next date of hearing, failing which consequences shall follow. A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.
5. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the information to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order. The appellant is also advised to point deficiencies, if any, on receipt of the information within 7 days to the respondent under intimation to the Commission.
6. To come up on **17.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 07.09.2022

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Sh. Ved Parkash Bablu(9356030161)

D-112, Street No.4,
InderpuriKotKhalsa,
Amritsar.

Complainant

Versus

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer (By Name)

O/o DEO (SE), Amritsar

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 87 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Complainant: Sh. Ved Parkash Bablu

Respondent: Ms. Jasbinder Kaur

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.04.2022
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The complainant states that the respondent neither complied with the orders of the Commission not supplied the information till date.
4. Neither the respondent PIO is the present nor did he file reply in this regard.
5. After hearing the complainant and examining the documents placed on record, it is observed that on first hearing held on 04.05.2021, respondent, Sh. Varinderjeet Kaur (SA) appeared and respondent PIO was directed to supply the demanded information 01.05.2020 to 16.08.2020 within 15 days from that day. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 05.10.2021.
6. On hearing held on 08.07.2021, complainant intimated the Commission that status is same, nothing has been supplied to him even after the directions of the Commission dated 04.05.2021.
7. On hearing held on 05.10.2021, respondent PIO was absent and a show cause notice was issued to him and matter was adjourned for further hearing on 09.03.2022, which was postponed and fixed for 19.04.2022.
8. On hearing held on 19.04.2022, both the parties were absent. A final opportunity was awarded to the respondent PIO to comply with the previous orders of the Commission dated 04.05.2021, 08.07.2021 and 05.10.2021. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 07.09.2022 i.e. today.
9. Respondent PIO had wasted ample time for supplying the information vide directions of the Commission time and again but till date, that the same is pending. This is indeed a serious matter.

Complaint Case No.: 87 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

10. From the material on record, it transpires that there has been unnecessary delay in conveying the correct State of affairs to the appellant in respect to his request for information. No explanation for delay has been given by him. Rather, his failure to even respond to the directions issued to him by the Commission reinforces the fact that he has been without any reasonable cause guilty of remissness in the discharge of his duties, therefore, deserves to be penalized.
11. In view of the defying attitude of the concerned respondent PIO, DEO(SE), Amritsar neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the directions issued to him within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the **imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) upon the concerned respondent PIO**. However, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten thousand only) on the respondent PIO. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of District Education Officer (SE), Amritsar is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-
- "0070-Other Administrative Services
60 other Services
800-Other Receipts
86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005
12. To come up on **27.10.2022 at 11:00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07.09.2022

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Punjab

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Amritsar.

Complainant

Versus

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer (By Name)

O/o Sub Registrar
Tehsil Complex, Amritsar-1

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 88 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Complainant: Sh. Ved Parkash Bablu

Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.4.2022.
2. In today's hearing, the complainant is present but the respondent is absent in spite of registered letter/intimation on telephone.
3. The complainant states that he has not received any information till date.
4. After examining the case file, the respondent PIO is granted one final opportunity to represent this case. He is also directed to supply the information as per RTI application since sufficient time has elapsed. He is further directed to appear in the **office of the Commission at Chandigarh** in person on the next date of hearing, failing which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed. A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.
5. Complainant is also advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing and he is on liberty either to attend hearing through CISCO WEBEX (meeting number 1582933632) or at the Commission's office.
6. To come up on **27.10.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 07.09.2022

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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal (9814197689)

s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
148, Model Town,
Bathinda – 151001.

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o Improvement Trust, Bathinda

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o Improvement Trust, Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2858 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Sanjeev Goyal on behalf of the appellant
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent PIO.

ORDER

1. Refer earlier order dated 4.5.2022 where it was observed that RTI application was vague in nature as time period was not mentioned in the RTI application for which information sought for. It was also observed that requisite information had already been supplied to the appellant through letter no. 644 dated 07.04.2021, this letter was in the case file and taken on record but appellant expressed his dissatisfaction on the supplied information. The matter was adjourned to 07.09.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is absent second time without any intimation to the Commission even after the registered post intimation vide order dated 04.05.2022.
4. In view of the foregoing, respondent PIO, O/o **Improvement Trust, Bathinda** is directed to **show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

Appeal Case No.: 2858 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

5. In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission 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 proceedings against him ex-parte.
6. Respondent PIO is also directed to supply the information as per RTI application since sufficient time has elapsed. He is further directed to appear in the **office of the Commission at Chandigarh** in person on the next date of hearing, failing which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed. A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.
7. Appellant is also advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing and he is on liberty either to attend hearing through CISCO WEBEX (meeting number 1582933632) or at the Commission's office.
8. To come up on **17.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

Dated: 07.09.2022

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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal (9814197689)

s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
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Bathinda – 151001

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o ADC(D), Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC(D), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2855 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, the appellant

(ii) Respondent: Sh. Darshan Singh, SA, ADC (D)

Sh. Rajiv Kumar, Inspector (9417707951)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 04.05.2022.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Darshan Singh states that requisite information is a third party, which could not be supplied to the appellant.
3. On this, appellant states that earlier respondent department demanded documentation fee amounting Rs. 2,600/- and now denying information by taking plea of section 8.
4. After hearing both the parties in detail and examining the case file, it is observed that complete information could not be supplied to the appellant. Accordingly, appellant is advised to specify one to two councilors name within seven days after receipt of this order, so that information could be supplied. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the information except personal information to the appellant once he had received letter regarding specific information.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. To come up on **17.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Harmit Singh Sidhu (9878691567)

(Reporter) Rojana Desh Sewak,
c/o Bala Kala Finance Co.,
Phul Road, Rampura Phul,
Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Rampura Phul, Bathinda

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o A.D.C.(Urban Dev), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal No.: 710 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Harmit Singh Sidhu
(ii) For the respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. Refer to earlier order dated 2.8.2022 where the appellant was unable to represent his case due to network but intimated on phone call that the information had not been supplied to him. Respondent PIO was directed to supply the sought for information as per RTI application to the appellant through registered post under intimation to the Commission. The matter was adjourned to 7.9.2022.
2. In today's hearing the appellant present but nobody appears on behalf of the respondent PIO.
3. The appellant states that sufficient time of one year has gone but the information is still awaited.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o EO, Nagar Council, Rampura Phul, Bathinda** is directed to **show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8) (b) of the Act for detriment suffered.
5. In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission 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 proceedings against him ex-parte.
6. With aforesaid directions and on the request of the appellant, matter is adjourned for further hearing on **17.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 07.09.2022

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District Faridkot

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)
O/o Nagar Panchayat,
Sardulgarh, District Mansa

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director, Local Govt.,
Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 312 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, the appellant in person.
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Balbir Singh, Clerk

ORDER

1. Refer earlier dated 28.7.2022 vide which the respondent PIO was granted one more chance as he pleaded that he had recently been posted at that place. The court directed the respondent PIO to go through the RTI application and supply the point-wise information within a weeks' time. The matter was adjourned to 7.9.2022.
2. In today's hearing, both appellant and respondent are present and status is same as it was on the previous hearing, which is a sheer wastage of precious time and resources of the Commission. A final opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to comply with the previous orders of the Commission dated 28.07.2022 immediately within seven days, as ample time had already been elapsed, failing which consequences shall follow.
3. The appellant states that he has received copies of cash books but complete information is still pending.
4. Both the parties are advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, failing to which case will be decided on the merit basis.
5. To come up on **17.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o M.C., Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhr

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 817 of 2022

Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh

(ii) Respondent: Absent

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 12.10.2021 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 20.11.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 11.2.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 14.7.2022 and further postponed to 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that sufficient time has elapsed but the sought for information as per his RTI application is still awaited. He adds that he has sent reminder to the respondent PIO but no response.
3. Respondent PIO is not present for today's hearing in spite of registered post notices issued to him but a reply dated 21.06.2022 was received in the Commission vide diary no. 13997 dated 27.06.2022, which is taken on record.
4. While going through the record file, one opportunity is awarded to the **respondent PIO to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing on 16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh office along with original record relates with RTI application to clear the facts of this case, failing which consequences shall follow as per RTI Act, 2005.** A copy of this order along with RTI application be sent to him by name through **registered post** for his ready reference.
5. A copy of this order along with reply received from respondent PIO dated 21.06.2022 be also sent to the appellant through registered post for his ready reference.
6. Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing through CISCO WEBEX(Meeting number-1582933632) or at Commission's office.
7. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 07.09.2022

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 816 of 2022

Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh
(ii) Respondent: Sh. Sukhjinder Singh (PIO)

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 12.10.2021 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 6.12.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 11.2.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 14.7.2022 and further postponed to 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that sufficient time has elapsed but the sought for information as per his RTI application is still awaited.
4. The respondent states that the information sought for is huge in nature, therefore, he requests for some specific information.
5. After hearing the case in detail, the court fixes an inspection for 14.9.2022 at 11.00 a.m. with the directions to the respondent to be present on the date of inspection so that inspection can be got done. He is also directed to supply the identified information to the appellant possibly the same moment or within a period of 7 days, under intimation to the Commission.
6. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 07.09.2022

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Sh. Harmit Singh Sidhu (9878691567)

(Reporter) Rojana Desh Sewak,
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Phul Road, Rampura Phul,
Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o EO, Nagar Council,
Rampura Phul, Bathinda

Encl. RTI application of both the appeal cases (715 & 716 of 2022)

First Appellate Authority

O/o ADC (Urban Dev), Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal No.: 715 and 716 of 2022

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Harmit Singh Sidhu – Appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 25.05.2022 vide which respondent, Sh. Inderjit Singh, SDO stated that the information had been prepared would be sent to the appellant within a period of 15 days. The matter was adjourned to 14.7.2022 and further postponed to 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but nobody is present on behalf of the respondent department.
3. The appellant states that the requisite information is still pending in spite of promise made by the respondent during the earlier hearing.
4. The court while taking suo moto cognizance of the situation, directs the respondent to show cause for not supplying the promised information. He is also absent in spite of knowing date of hearing.
5. In view of the foregoing, respondent PIO, O/o EO, Nagar Council, Rampura Phul, Bathinda is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.
6. In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission 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 proceedings against him ex-parte.
7. The case is also fixed for further hearing on **17.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority
O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 870 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Amandeep, Steno

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 8.11.2021 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 13.12.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.2.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 14.7.2022 and further postponed to 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that sufficient time has elapsed but the sought for information as per his RTI application is still awaited.
4. The respondent states that the information has been sent through courier on 6.9.2022, a copy of the same has been forwarded to the Commission.
5. After discussing with the respondent, Sh. Amandeep Singh intimates the Commission that at present there is no PIO. The Commission directed the First Appellate Authority to look into the matter and appoint/assign PIO so that RTI application be dealt with in stipulated time period as per RTI Act, 2005 under intimation to the Commission. A copy of this order be sent to him for his ready reference.
6. Appellant is advised to go through the supplied information, once he get and point out ambiguity as per RTI application within seven days after receipt of this order.
7. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
8. The case is also fixed for further hearing on **16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 871 of 2022
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sanjiv (SA).

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 8.11.2021 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 13.12.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.2.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 14.7.2022 and further postponed to 7.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that sufficient time has elapsed but the sought for information as per his RTI application is still awaited.
4. The respondent states that the sought for information is voluminous in nature and creation is exempted/prohibited as per RTI Act.
5. After discussing with both the parties in detail and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to supply the information within 7 days from today. Appellant is advised to go through the supplied information, once he get and point out ambiguity as per RTI application within seven days after receipt of this order.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. The case is also fixed for further hearing on **16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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