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Shri Tejinder Singh, Advocate
Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender,
Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

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

....Respondents

AC No.2453 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, Appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not received any information.
3. Neither the PIO has attended the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any other official to attend the hearing on his behalf nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. An official of the O/o R.T.A. Sangrur Shri Jagtar Singh, Clerk is contacted on mobile phone. On enquiring about the absence of PIO from the hearing, he states that PIO Shri Karanvir Singh Chhina has to attend a court case today in Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely. It was incumbent upon the PIO to assign the duty of attending the hearing to some other official of his office.
4. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that the PIO O/o R.T.A. Sangrur had failed to attend the hearing on 11.11.2020 also and he is absent today also. The Bench further observes that the PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous hearing. However, no reply to the show cause notice has been filed.



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6. The facts of the case prove beyond any doubt that the PIO/Respondent does not deserve any leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, a penalty to the tune of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur, to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head. The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.5,000/- from the salary of the PIO and deposit the same in State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

**- 0070-Other Administrative Services – 60-Other Services-
-0800-Other Receipts- 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005.**

7. The PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing as also to come in person to attend the hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice as also to produce the evidence on account of deposit of the amount of penalty imposed.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
08.02.2021**

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.....Appellant

Versus

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O/o Nodal Officer,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2452 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, Appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has received information from the PIO, however, it is not to his satisfaction. He further states that he has also pointed out deficiencies to the PIO point-wise vide his letter dated 26.11.2020. However, he has not been supplied the rectified information. The appellant also states that he was asked to inspect the official records in the office of PIO, but he was not entertained by any one during his visit and was subjected to harassment.
3. PIO, O/o Nodal Officer, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana has not come to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. Shri Anil Bakshi who attended the previous hearing, is contacted on mobile phone. He informs that he has been transferred from this Branch and that there have been some changes in the work of PIOs and in the present case, Dr. Malhotra is the PIO. Accordingly, attempts are made to contact Dr. Malhotra, PIO on mobile phone but his mobile phone was found busy continuously engaged.

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4. The PIO Dr. Malhotra is now directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day by tying up with him and allow the appellant access to the relevant official records. The documents/information so identified by the appellant after inspection as per his RTI application be provided to him before the next hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.04.2021 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 Late Shri Gurbachan Singh
R/o 848-A, MIG Flats,
Jamalpur Colony,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

AC No.2443 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, on behalf of the appellant.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard through Cisco Webex/On Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh, appellant attends the hearing through Cisco Webex.
3. Shri Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk O/o Secretary, R.T.A., Ferozepur comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that information was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 20.10.2020 but he was not satisfied with the information supplied. Accordingly, the appellant was issued letter to inspect the official records on any working day, but the appellant did not visit their office for the purpose.
4. Shri Tejinder Singh attends the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the appellant Shri Trilochan Singh. He states that the appellant has not visited the office of PIO as directed by the Bench.
5. The PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ferozepur is again directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day by tying up with him, to allow the appellant access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after perusing the official records, will identify the information required by him. The information so identified by the appellant after inspection of records, will be supplied by the PIO to the appellant before the next hearing.



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6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.04.2021 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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Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

.....Respondents

AC No.2434 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

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2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh, attends the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the appellant. He states that the appellant has not received any information.
3. Neither the PIO has attended the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any other official to attend the hearing on his behalf nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. An official of the O/o R.T.A. Sangrur, Shri Jagtar Singh, Clerk is contacted on mobile phone. On enquiring about the absence of PIO from the hearing, he states that PIO Shri Karanvir Singh Chhina has to attend a court case today in Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely. It was incumbent upon the PIO to assign the duty of attending the hearing to some other official of his office.
4. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that the PIO O/o R.T.A. Sangrur had failed to attend the hearing on 11.11.2020 also and he is absent today also. The Bench further observes that the PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous hearing. However, no reply to the show cause notice has been filed.

6. The facts of the case prove beyond any doubt that the PIO/Respondent does not deserve any leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, a penalty to the tune of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur, to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head. The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.5,000/- from the salary of the PIO and deposit the same in State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

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7. The PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing as also to come in person to attend the hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice as also to produce the evidence on account of deposit of the amount of penalty imposed.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.04.2021 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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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

.....Respondents

AC No.2437 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh, attends the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the appellant. He states that the appellant has not received any information.
3. Neither the PIO has attended the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any other official to attend the hearing on his behalf nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. An official of the O/o R.T.A. Sangrur Shri Jagtar Singh, Clerk is contacted on mobile phone. On enquiring about the absence of PIO from the hearing, he states that PIO Shri Karanvir Singh Chhina has to attend a court case today in Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely. It was incumbent upon the PIO to assign the duty of attending the hearing to some other official of his office.
4. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that the PIO O/o R.T.A. Sangrur had failed to attend the hearing on 11.11.2020 also and he is absent even today also. The Bench further observes that the PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous hearing. However, no reply to the show cause notice has been filed.

6. The facts of the case prove beyond any doubt that the PIO/Respondent does not deserve any leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, a penalty to the tune of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur, to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head. The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.5,000/- from the salary of the PIO and deposit the same in State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

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7. The PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing as also to come in person to attend the hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice as also to produce the evidence on account of deposit of the amount of penalty imposed.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.04.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
08.02.2021**

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O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

.....Respondents

AC No.2440 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh attends the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the appellant. He states that the appellant has not received any information.
3. Neither the PIO has attended the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any other official to attend the hearing on his behalf nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. An official of the O/o R.T.A. Sangrur Shri Jagtar Singh, Clerk is contacted on mobile phone. On enquiring about the absence of PIO from the hearing, he states that PIO Shri Karanvir Singh Chhina has to attend a court case today in Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely. It was incumbent upon the PIO to assign the duty of attending the hearing to some other official of his office.
4. The Bench, on perusal of the case file, observes that the PIO O/o R.T.A. Sangrur had failed to attend the hearing on 11.11.2020 also and he is absent today also. The Bench further observes that the PIO was issued show cause notice on the previous hearing. However, no reply to the show cause notice has been filed.

6. The facts of the case prove beyond any doubt that the PIO/Respondent does not deserve any leniency. Hence, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, a penalty to the tune of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur, to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State Treasury under the relevant head. The Drawing & Disbursing Officer concerned is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs.5,000/- from the salary of the PIO and deposit the same in State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission before the next hearing:-

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7. The PIO is also directed to supply complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing as also to come in person to attend the hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice as also to produce the evidence on account of deposit of the amount of penalty imposed.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.04.2021 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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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

AC No.2441 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant**
(ii) **Shri Ravinder Singh, Section Officer, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Gurdaspur, PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 11.11.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh attends the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of the appellant.
3. Shri Ravinder Singh, Section Officer, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Gurdaspur attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the appellant has been sent information on four points of his RTI application vide letter dated 16.08.2019 by registered post and again sent vide letter dated 10.11.2020. He states that information sought at Point No.5 relates to four years and is quite voluminous and as such, cannot be supplied.
4. On the asking of the Bench, Shri Tejinder Singh, representative of the appellant states that the appellant has not been supplied information as asked for in the RTI Application. He states that the appellant had sought the detail of the RTI applications disposed off and replies to RTI applications given in time and that it is vague reply to state that all the RTI applications have been disposed off/replied in time.

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5. Post deliberations with the appellant and the PIO, The Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office on any working day and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant will identify the information required after inspection of records and the PIO will provide the information as identified, to the appellant before the next hearing. As regards Point No.5, the PIO is directed to apprise the appellant that the same is not available in the format it is sought in case the same is not available in their official records as asked for by the appellant.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 28.04.2021 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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PO Madhopur Cantt.
District Pathankot

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Dinanagar,
District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deputy Director,
Local Bodies, Amritsar.

....Respondents

AC No.3459 of 2020

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 11.07.2019 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 13.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 10.11.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.02.2021 by the Commission through Cisco Webex. The appellant has not come to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He has sent a letter dated 29.01.2021 stating that no information has been received by him. He further states that he be given another hearing through V.C. facility in D.C. Office, Pathankot. It is not possible for him to visit Chandigarh by bus for a physical hearing.

3. Neither the PIO has come to attend the hearing the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex on his behalf. However, a letter dated 27.01.2021 has been received from the PIO O/o E.O., Municipal Council, Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur stating that the appellant was asked to deposit prescribed fee for supply of information which has not been



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deposited by him due to which the information has not been supplied to him. The PIO has further stated that since the notification for holding municipal elections has been issued which is to be held on 14.02.2021 and the result is to be declared on 17.02.2021. Therefore, he, being busy in the elections, is unable to attend the hearing. As such, he has requested for giving another date of hearing after 20.02.2021.

4. In view of the position explained by the PIO in his letter referred to above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 10.03.2021 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Pathankot.**
Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
08.02.2021**

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