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Shri Trilochan Singh
S/o Late Shri Gurbachan Singh
R/o 848-A, MIG Jamalpur PHB Colony,
District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority-cum-

State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1903 of 2020

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

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. This is with reference to the order dated 29.09.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh, attends the hearing on behalf of Shri Trilochan Singh, appellant.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on his behalf. On the previous hearing, the PIO had stated that the appellant has not enclosed complete copy of his Id. Proof i.e. Aadhar card and thus, has not disclosed his identity.
4. Shri Tejinder Singh, representative of the appellant states that the appellant had sent Id. Proof on 26.08.2019 by registered post as also by e.mail. To ascertain the factual position, the PIO Shri Gurpreet Singh who had attended the previous hearing is contacted on mobile phone, but he states that he has been transferred out three months back. He is also not aware of the name of the present PIO who has taken his place. There is no communication from O/o R.T.A Amritsar with regard to change in PIO and the hearing today. This has put the Bench in an embarrassing position before the appellant.

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5. The PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Amritsar is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him for not complying with the directions of Bench and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for not supplying information to the appellant. The PIO is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

7. The PIO is directed to supply the complete information and file an affidavit on a non judicial stamp paper in the instant appeal case duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.1903/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.05.2021 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

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

First Appellate Authority-cum-

State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1906 of 2020

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

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. This is with reference to the order dated 29.09.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh, attends the hearing on behalf of Shri Trilochan Singh, appellant. He states that no information has been supplied to the appellant.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on his behalf. On the previous hearing, the PIO was directed to call the appellant to his office to allow him access to the official records so as to enable the appellant to identify the documents required by him. Nothing has been heard from the PIO in this regard. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Gurdaspur is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him for not complying with the directions of Bench and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the



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instant case for not supplying information to the appellant. The PIO is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

7. The PIO is directed to supply the complete information and file an affidavit on a non judicial stamp paper in the instant appeal case duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.1906/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.05.2021 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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Jamalpur, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority-cum-

State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1902 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Tejinder Singh, on behalf of the Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Shyam Lal, Assistant Transport Officer/PIO,
O/o R.T.A., Patiala.**

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. This is with reference to the order dated 29.09.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh, attends the hearing on behalf of Shri Trilochan Singh, appellant. He states that the appellant was called by the PIO to his office to inspect the official records, but the appellant could not visit due to illness of his mother.
3. The PIO Shri Shyam Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, O/o R.T.A. Patiala comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the appellant was called vide letter dated 18.12.2020 to inspect the official records. However, the appellant has not visited their office.
4. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to call the appellant again to his office and allow him access to all the relevant official records. On inspection, the appellant will identify the information/ documents required by him and the same will be provided by the PIO to the appellant duly attested before the next hearing.

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5. After supplying the information, the PIO is also directed to file an affidavit on a non-judicial stamp paper in the instant appeal case duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.1902/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.05.2021 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 The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Hoshiarpur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1905 of 2020

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

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. This is with reference to the order dated 29.09.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh, attends the hearing on behalf of Shri Trilochan Singh, appellant. He states that no information has been supplied to the appellant.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on his behalf. The PIO has also not supplied any information to the appellant and nothing has been heard from the PIO in this regard. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Hoshiarpur is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him for not complying with the directions of Bench and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for not supplying information to the appellant. The PIO is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.



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5. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

6. The PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant by registered post as also by e.mail before the next hearing. PIO is also directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, before the next date of hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information in AC No.1905/2020 as available in the official records, has been supplied to the appellant and nothing has been concealed therein. It be further stated that the statement made is correct and authentic. The original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.05.2021 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 The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1904 of 2020

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

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. This is with reference to the order dated 29.09.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard through Cisco Webex. Shri Tejinder Singh, attends the hearing on behalf of Shri Trilochan Singh, appellant. He states that irrelevant information has been supplied to the appellant and the appellant is not satisfied with the information supplied.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on his behalf. On the previous hearing, the PIO had stated that parawise information has been supplied to the appellant. The appellant was directed to send Id. Proof to the PIO and point-out deficiencies in the information supplied and the PIO was directed to supply information after removing deficiencies. Nothing has been heard from the PIO in this regard. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Amritsar is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him for not complying with the directions of Bench and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the

instant case for not supplying information to the appellant. The PIO is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

5. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

6. The PIO is directed to supply the complete information to the appellant and also file an affidavit on a non judicial stamp paper in the instant appeal case duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.1904/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.05.2021 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 Ravi Kumar
R/o # 27-FF, HIG Flats, B-Block,
G.T. Road, New Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

....Respondents

AC No.2745 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- absent.
(ii) Shri Shyam Lal, Assistant Transport Officer/PIO, O/o RTA Patiala.

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 17.02.2020 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 23.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 21.09.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.03.2021 by the Commission through Cisco Webex and accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Ravi Kumar, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing Cisco Webex. A letter dated 04.12.2020 received from the appellant is available in the case file stating that he is sending the proof in the context of information sought and that the PIO is hiding the information.

3. Shri Shyam Lal, Assistant Transport Officer/PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Patiala attends the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that the information asked for by the appellant is not available in their official records.

4. Repeated attempts were made to contact the appellant on mobile phone, his phone was found to be always engaged.



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5. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to file an affidavit on a non judicial stamp paper in the instant appeal case duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that no information related to AC No.2745/2020 is available in the official records. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. The Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.05.2021 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 Jagjit Singh,
R/o Aman Nagar, Street No.3,
Backside Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar By-pass,
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2289 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-A, M.C.,
Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER:

Heard Through Video Conferencing/On Mobile Phone.

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 06.10.2020 passed by the Commission on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not received any information.
3. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana has not come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of PIO. He is contacted on mobile phone. He expresses his inability in joining through Cisco Webex due to poor connectivity and further states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 22.09.2020 by speed post. He is apprised of the version of appellant. Upon this, he states that in case the appellant visits their office today, he will supply him complete information today itself. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant agrees to it.

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4. After supplying the information, the PIO is directed to file an affidavit on a non judicial stamp paper in the instant appeal case duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.2289/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.05.2021 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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Backside Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar By-pass,
Ludhiana.

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.2290 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant.**
(ii) **Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-A, M.C., Ludhiana,**
on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

Heard Through Video Conferencing/On Mobile Phone.

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 06.10.2020 passed by the Commission on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Jagjit Singh, Appellant comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. He states that he has not received any information.
3. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Zone-A, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana has not come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of PIO. He is contacted on mobile phone. He expresses his inability in joining through Cisco Webex due to poor connectivity and further states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 05.10.2020 by speed post. He is apprised of the version of appellant. Upon this, he states that in case the appellant visits their office today, he will supply him complete information today itself. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant agrees to it.

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AC No.2290/2020

4. After supplying the information, the PIO is directed to file an affidavit on a non judicial stamp paper in the instant appeal case duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.2290/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.05.2021 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 Naresh Kumar
R/o Kothi No.885,
Sector-11, Panchkula (Hry.).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Greater Mohali Area,
Development Authority(GMADA)
S.A.S. Nagar (Moohali).

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Greater Mohali Area,
Development Authority(GMADA)
S.A.S. Nagar (Moohali).

....Respondents

AC No.99 of 2021

Present: (i) **Shri Naresh Kumar, Appellant in person.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER

(Heard Through Cisco Webex)

1. The RTI application is dated 16.07.2020 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 01.10.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.12.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.03.2021 by the Commission through Cisco Webex and accordingly, the case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri Naresh Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has sought information on three points as per his RTI application which has not been supplied to him.

3. On perusing the RTI application, the Bench finds that information on point No.1 & 3 should be given under RTI Act, however, point No.2 is an issue which is not related to seeking information under RTI Act and may be denied.

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4. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing on his behalf. The Bench observes that the PIO has also not supplied any information nor has made any attempt to contact the Bench with regard to the hearing. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.

5. The PIO O/o GMADA, Mohali is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and as to why action should not be taken against him for not complying with the directions of Bench and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for not supplying information to the appellant. The PIO is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

7. The PIO is directed to supply information to the appellant before the next hearing and ensure to come present before the Bench in person.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 24.05.2021 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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