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Shri Ravi Kumar
S/o Shri Dharminder Kumar
R/o House .No.107,
Near Santpur Gurdwara Sahib.
Patiala Gate, Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

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

...Respondents

AC No.858/2020

Present: (i) Shri Ravi Kumar, Appellant
(ii) None is present on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Sangrur. The appellant Shri Ravi Kumar comes present and states that in spite of the directions of Commission on the previous hearing, no information has been supplied to him.
3. Neither the PIO himself has come present to attend the hearing through VC nor he has deputed any official to attend the hearing on his behalf. The Bench observes that the directions given by the Commission have also not been complied with. The Commission takes serious note of the absence of PIO.
4. The PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Sangrur is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for the delay caused in the supply of information to the appellant and for not attending the hearing. He 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 also directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day prior to next hearing and allow him to inspect the official records and identify the documents as per his RTI application. The PIO is further directed to share the link of the official website with the appellant and also to provide the hard copy of the information so identified by the appellant failing which the penal consequences shall follow.

7. With the above directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 25.08.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Sangrur.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties concerned.

Chandigarh
08.07.2020

Sd/-
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Shri Manjinder Singh
R/o #2469, Sunny Enclave
Sector-125, Kharar,
District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.4169 of 2019

Present: (i) Appellant- absent
(ii) Shri Manish Kumar, Section Officer, O/o RTA Bathinda/PIO

ORDER

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. The order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard through Video Conferencing facility at Bathinda. The appellant Shri Manjinder Singh has not come present to attend the hearing.
3. Shri Manish Kumar, PIO comes present to attend the hearing and states that the entire information as sought by the appellant has been supplied to him vide letter dated 06.07.2020.
4. The appellant is contacted on telephone, he states that he is yet to receive the letter dated 06.07.2020. The Bench requests the appellant to come to the Commission and collect a copy of the said letter as it has been received in the Commission by email.
5. The appellant visited the Commission on the same day, examined the information supplied by the PIO and expressed his satisfaction over the same.

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AC No.4169/2019

6. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the instant Appeal Case. The appeal is **disposed off and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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08.07.2020**

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.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.654 of 2020

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent.**
(ii) **Shri Manish Kumar, Section Officer, O/o RTA Bathinda/PIO**

ORDER

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. The order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard through Video Conferencing facility at Bathinda. The appellant Shri Manjinder Singh has not come present to attend the hearing.
3. Shri Manish Kumar, PIO comes present to attend the hearing and states that the entire information as sought by the appellant has been supplied to him vide letter dated 06.07.2020.
4. The appellant is contacted on telephone, he states that he is yet to receive the letter dated 06.07.2020. The Bench requests the appellant to come to the Commission and collect a copy of the said letter as it has been received in the Commission by email.
5. The appellant visited the Commission on the same day, examined the information supplied by the PIO and expressed his satisfaction over the same.

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AC No.654/2020

6. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the instant Appeal Case. The appeal is **disposed off and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

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Shri .Manjinder Singh
R/o #2469, Sunny Enclave
Sector-125, Kharar,
District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.947 of 2020

Present:

- (i) **Appellant is absent.**
- (ii) **Shri Manish Kumar, Section Officer, O/o RTA Bathinda/PIO**

ORDER

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. The order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard through Video Conferencing facility at Bathinda. The appellant Shri Manjinder Singh has not come present to attend the hearing.
3. Shri Manish Kumar, PIO comes present to attend the hearing and states that the entire information as sought by the appellant has been supplied to him vide letter dated 06.07.2020.
4. The appellant is contacted on telephone, he states that he is yet to receive the letter dated 06.07.2020. The Bench requests the appellant to come to the Commission and collect a copy of the said letter as it has been received in the Commission by email.
5. The appellant visited the Commission on the same day, examined the information supplied by the PIO and expressed his satisfaction over the same.

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AC No.947/2019

6. In view of the above, no further cause of action is left in the instant Appeal Case. The appeal is **disposed off and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
08.07.2020**

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Shri Harmit Singh Sidhu,
S/o Shri Sher Singh
C/o Baba Kala Finance Company,
Near Truck Union, Phul Road,
Rampura Phul, Distt. Bathinda.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Deputy Commissioner,
Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Commissioner, Faridkot Division,
Faridkot.

... Respondents

AC No.4051/2019

Present: (i), **Shri Harmit Singh Sidhu, Appellant.**
(ii) **Smt. Saroj Rani, Distt.Revenue Officer/PIO.**

ORDER

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.06.2020 passed by the Bench on the last date of hearing.
2. The appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. in the office of D.C. Bathinda. He states that the information as asked for vide his RTI application has not been provided to him and misleading and irrelevant information has been provided.
3. Smt. Saroj Rani, District Revenue Officer, O/o D.C. Bathinda/PIO comes present to attend the hearing. She states that with regard to the land scam referred to by the appellant in his RTI application in Nagar Panchayat, Mehraj (Bathinda), two different enquiries were got conducted by the D.C. Bathinda and after completion of enquiries reports in both the enquiries have been received and the enquiry reports have been sent by registered post to the appellant vide letter dated 02.07.2020.
4. The appellant is not satisfied with the enquiry reports and states that as per his RTI application, he wants to know the action taken on the guilty persons found in the enquiry reports regarding the land scam.

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AC No.4051/2019

5. On the asking of the Bench, the PIO states that as per the enquiry report, no person has been found guilty and she further reads out excerpts from the enquiry report to substantiate this.

6. The Bench, on hearing the version of the PIO, directs the PIO to file an affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information sought vide RTI application in AC No.4051/2019 i.e. enquiry report conducted into the complaint submitted by the appellant regarding the land scam in Nagar Panchayat, Mehraj, have been supplied to the appellant. Information supplied is complete & authentic. Nothing has been concealed therein.

7. With the above directions, **the appeal is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
08.07.2020**

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Shri Manjinder Singh
R/o #2469, Sunny Enclave
Sector-125, Kharar,
District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.655 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- absent
(ii) Shri Ashu Kumar, Section Officer and Shri Sukhjinder Singh,
Clerk, on behalf of the PIO

ORDER

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. The order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.06.2020 passed by the Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility at Ferozepur. The appellant Shri Manjinder Singh has not come present to attend the hearing.
3. On behalf of the PIO, Shri Ashu Kumar, S.O. and Shri Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk come present to attend the hearing. Shri Sukhjinder Singh, representative of the PIO states that the information has already been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 06.01.2020. He further states that the Hon'ble Commission has also been sent communication to this effect vide letter dated 06.07.2020 with a copy to the appellant, wherein it has been stated that information sought does not exist in the format asked for by the appellant. Moreover, the information sought is voluminous and would require substantial time of the staff to cull out such information.

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AC No.655/2020

4. Since the appellant is absent, he is contacted on phone to ascertain the position regarding receipt of information. He states that he is yet to receive the information.

5. Since it is stated by the representatives of PIO that the information sought is voluminous, the Bench advises that the appellant to visit the office of PIO on any working day and inspect the official records to identify the specific information as per his RTI application. The PIO will provide the information so identified by the appellant.

6. With the above directions, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on **25.08.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. at D.C. Office, Ferozepur.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

**Chandigarh
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Shri Parvinder Singh
S/o Sh.Darshan Singh
Vill. Illme Wala PO Sudh Singh Wala,
Tehsil & District Ferozepur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o General Manager,
Punjab Roadways,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Director, State Transport, Pb.
Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.996 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- Absent.
(ii) Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Personnel Manager, O/o G.M. Punjab Roadways, Ferozepur, on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing..
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. at Ferozepur. The appellant is absent for today's hearing.
3. Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Personnel Manager O/o G.M. Punjab Roadways, Ferozepur comes present on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information as sought by the appellant, has been provided to the appellant.
4. Since the appellant Shri Parvinder Singh is absent, he is contacted on phone. He confirms having received the requisite information to his satisfaction.
5. In view of the above, no cause of action is left in the matter. **The appeal is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.**

Chandigarh
08.07.2020

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Sh.Parvinder Singh
S/o Sh.Darshan Singh
Vill. Illme Wala PO Sudh Singh Wala,
Tehsil & District Ferozepur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o General Manager,
Punjab Roadways,
Ferozepur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Director, State Transport, Pb.
Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1007 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- Absent.
(ii) Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Personnel Manager, O/o G.M. Punjab
Roadways,Ferozepur, on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing..
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. at Ferozepur. The appellant is absent for today's hearing.
3. Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Personnel Manager O/o G.M. Punjab Roadways, Ferozepur comes present on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information as sought by the appellant, has been provided to the appellant.
4. Since the appellant Shri Parvinder Singh is absent, he is contacted on phone. He confirms having received the requisite information to his satisfaction.
5. In view of the above, no cause of action is left in the matter. **The appeal is disposed off and closed. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.**

Chandigarh
08.07.2020

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Sh.Tilak Raj, Retd. Lecturer ,
Village Tanda Churian,
PO Chanour, Tehsil Mukerian
District Hoshiarpur.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o District Education Officer(SE),
Mini Secretariat, Hoshiarpur.

....Respondent

CC No.961of 2019

Present: (i) Complainant - absent.
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER

Heard through Video Conferencing

1. The order may be read with reference to the order dated 03.06.2020 passed by the Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. at Hoshiarpur. The complainant is absent. As such, he was contacted on phone to enquire the position regarding receipt of information by him. He has informed the Bench on phone that he has not received any information. He further states that as per directions of Commission, he had again submitted a copy of his RTI application to the office of the PIO.
3. None has appeared on behalf of the PIO. On perusing the file, the Bench observes that the Complaint filed by the complainant is dated 14.11.2018 and appeal filed in the Commission is dated 05.11.2019, but in spite of the lapse of a long period, the complainant has not been provided any information. The Bench further observes that PIO has been absent from hearing on the previous four consecutive hearings and is absent for today's hearing also. As such, a contact was made with the District Education Officer (Sec. Edu.), Hoshiarpur. He is informed about the absence of the PIO on all the hearings including the

present hearing. He is also informed regarding the non-submission of any reply to the show cause notice to the Commission.

4. The District Information Officer (Sec.Edu.), Hoshiarpur is explained in serious language his casual conduct and the seriousness of the likely outcome of his conduct in dealing with RTI application. He is directed to ensure that the complainant is contacted and complete information is provided to him before next hearing failing which penal consequences shall follow.

5. With the above directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 25.08.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Hoshiarpur.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties concerned.

**Chandigarh
08.07.2020**

Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**