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Shri Jasbir Singh,  
R/o Guru Nanak Colony,  
Village Bolapur Jhabewal  
PO Ramgarh, Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

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

**First Appellate Authority**

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

**Public Information Officer-cum-**

Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority, Ludhiana

....Respondents

**AC No.734 of 2020**

**Present:**

- (i) Appellant - absent
- (ii) Shri Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer/PIO O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, in person before the Bench.
- (iii) Shri Manish Kumar, Section Officer/PIO and Shri Ravinder Singh, Clerk O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana on behalf of PIO through V.C.

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in office of D.C. Ludhiana. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. He is contacted on phone. He states that till date, no information has been received by him.
3. Shri Manish Kumar, Section Officer/PIO and Shri Ravinder Singh, Clerk O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana attends the hearing. The PIO states that the official concerned who was to provide the information has been found Corona positive and has been kept in isolation at home.
4. Shri Piara Singh, PIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab comes in person before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. He states that the information from the PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana is still awaited. He also produces an affidavit dated 08.09.2020 vide which reply to the show cause notice is given. It is further stated therein that the PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana was also requested to send enquiry report within seven days which is still awaited.

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5. The affidavit filed by the PIO, O/o S.T.C. Punjab is taken on record. The show cause notice issued to him is, hereby, dropped.

6. In view of the position explained by the PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ludhiana is directed to comply with the directions of the Commission and supply the requisite information to the appellant before the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 10.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
08.09.2020**

Sd/-  
**(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))  
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O/o Director, State  
Transport Deptt., Punjab,  
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o The Director, State  
Transport Deptt., Punjab,  
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.737 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) Appellant- absent.  
(ii) Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Sr.Asstt. O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab,  
Chandigarh on behalf of the PIO.

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard through V.C. in DC Office, Ludhiana. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C at Ludhiana.
3. Shri Sukhwinder Singh, Senior Assistant, O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh comes present to attend the hearing before the Bench in Commission office at Chandigarh. He states that a letter has been written to all the Depot Managers of PUNBUS to supply the information which is still awaited.
4. The Bench is surprised at the statement made by the representative of the PIO as the date of RTI application is 29.10.2019 and First Appeal is dated 28.12.2019. The Bench further observes that it is third hearing in the instant case. Nobody has attended the previous two hearings. No reply to the show cause notice has come forth from the PIO nor has any information been supplied till date. The PIO has also failed to appear in person before the Bench today. As such, the directions of the Bench have not been complied with.
5. 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 Ten Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO, O/o The Director, State Transport, Punjab,



Chandigarh 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. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 10.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Jatinder Kumar,  
C/o Sachkhand Mishthan,  
Bhandher, Nehru Gate,  
Nawanshahar.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Nawanshahar.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Regional Deputy Director,  
Local Govt., Jalandhar.

....Respondents

**AC No. 1955 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Jatinder Kumar, Appellant.**  
(ii) **Shri Bharat Bhushan, Clerk, O/o Municipal Council, Nawanshahar  
on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard Through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 03.02.2020 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 06.20.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.09.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Nawanshahar.
3. Shri Jatinder Kumar, appellant comes present to attend the hearing and states that he had sought information on three points but he has been supplied partial information i.e. only on Point No.1 and no information has been given on point nos. 2 & 3.
3. Shri Bharat Bhushan, Clerk O/o Municipal Council, Nawanshahar comes present to attend the hearing. The case is discussed with the appellant and the representative of PIO
4. After hearing the version of the appellant and representative of the PIO, the Bench directs the PIO to provide the remaining information on points No.2 and 3 to the appellant before the next hearing.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 10.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Nawanshahar.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Manpreet Singh,  
S/o Shri Joginder Singh  
R/o Pakho, Basti Sahina,  
Tehsil Tapa, Distt. Barnala.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Moga.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Moga.

....Respondents

**AC No.1172 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Manpreet Singh, Appellant**  
(ii) **Shri Virpal Kaur, Clerk, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Moga**  
**(Contacted through Telephone).**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard Through Video Conferencing)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
3. Shri Manpreet Singh, appellant attends the hearing through V.C. He states that he has been supplied information on his visit to office of PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Moga on 10.08.2020, but he is not satisfied with the same as he has not been provided copy of the NOC as requested for by him.
4. Nobody has come present to attend the hearing through VC on behalf of PIO. It has been reported telephonically that due a death in the family of PIO, the PIO is unable to attend the hearing. However, Smt. Virpal Kaur, Clerk of the office of Secretary, R.T.A. Moga is contacted through telephone. On enquiring regarding the instant appeal case, she informs to have supplied the entire information. She is apprised of the version of appellant that he has not been provided the copy of NOC. She assures to check it from the records and provide the same.
5. The PIO is directed to supply a copy of NOC as requested for by the appellant as also to file reply to the show cause notice. The PIO is further directed to file an affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the entire information as available in the official records in AC No.1172 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement made is correct and authentic. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.



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**AC No.1172 of 2020**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 09.11.2020 through V.C. in the office of D.C. Barnala.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
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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 Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority, Jalandhar.

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

....Respondents

**AC No.945 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri. Manjinder Singh, Appellant in person before the Bench.**  
(ii) **None is present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent**

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 21.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard through V.C. today. As such, the PIO was to attend the hearing through V.C. in DC Office, Ludhiana, but no one has come present on behalf of the PIO.
3. The appellant comes present in person before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh. He states that no information has been supplied to him so far.
4. The Bench observes that this is the third hearing in the instant appeal case. The PIO was absent on the previous two hearings and is absent today also. The Bench also observes that the PIO was issued show cause notice but no reply to the show cause notice has come forth nor any information has been supplied to the appellant. The PIO has not bothered to comply with the directions of the Commission. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
5. 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 Ten Thousand only) is imposed upon PIO, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar to be deducted from his salary, which is to be deposited in the State

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**AC No.945/2020**

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.**

6. The PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Jalandhar is directed to comply with the directions of the Commission and supply the requisite information to the appellant before the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 03.11.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Jalandhar.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
08.09.2020**

Sd/-  
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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