

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
Ward No 18, St. No -2, Kartar Nagar,
Amloh Road, Khanna-141401,
Distt Ludhiana.M : 9417594553,

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Mandi Gobindgarh,
District Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellant Authority,
O/o Regional Dy. Director,
Urban Local Govt.,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 256 of 2019

Present: Sh. Ramandeep Singh, Appellant is present.
Sh. Kuljinder Singh, Junior Engineer along with Sh. Rashpal Singh, Junior Engineer
are present on behalf of Respondents/PIO

ORDER:

This case was filed in the Commission under Life and Liberty Clause but after going through the case file and discussing it with the Hon'ble CIC, it was decided by Hon'ble CIC, that there is no need to consider this case under Life and Liberty Clause and it is to be treated as a normal case. Accordingly, the case was fixed for hearing, today.

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 05.12.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 14.12.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 07.01.2019.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Kuljinder Singh hands over copy of certain documents to the Appellant and assures that remaining information will be provided to the Appellant within a week and the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh agrees to the statement made by Sh. Kuljinder Singh.

In view of above, as the Appellant and the representative of the Respondent/PIO have mutually agreed, the information is deemed to be received by the Appellant. The Appellant has also given in writing to this effect dated 09.04.2019.

As such, this appeal case is disposed of and the case is closed.

Copies of the order be sent to both the parties.

Sd/-

(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commission
Punjab

Dated: 09.04.2019

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
Ward No 18, St. No -2, Kartar Nagar,
Amloh Road, Khanna-141401,
Distt Ludhiana.M : 9417594553,

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Amloh Road, Khanna,
District Ludhiana.

First Appellant Authority,
O/o Regional Dy. Director,
Urban Local Govt., Ferozpur Road,
Mini Secretariat, Ludhiana

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 257 of 2019

Present: Sh. Ramandeep Singh, Appellant is present.
Sh. Kulwinder Singh, APIO is present on behalf of Respondents/PIO

ORDER:

This case was filed in the Commission under Life and Liberty Clause but after going through the case file and discussing it with the Hon'ble CIC, it was decided by Hon'ble CIC, that there is no need to consider this case under Life and Liberty Clause and it is to be treated as a normal case. Accordingly, the case was fixed for hearing, today.

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 05.12.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 14.12.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 07.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that no information has been supplied to him.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Kulwinder Singh states that he is new appointed as the APIO and he further states that he is not well aware of the facts of this case.

After discussing with both the parties, it has been found that, the APIO doesn't know about the hearing of the case today as he has come to the Court at the instance of the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh. The Appellant who happened to meet him in the premises of the Commission.

In view of the above, PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, District Ludhiana will Show Cause under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Appeal Case No. 257 of 2019



In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing.

Strict instructions are issued to the PIO/Respondent to supply the information to the Appellant by registered post and to come present in person along with the information on the next date of hearing.

The appellant is also advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 24.04.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.04.2019

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commission
Punjab

Show Cause:

Regd. Post : Public Information Officer, (Sh. Ranvir Singh)

**O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Amloh Road, Khanna,
District Ludhiana.**

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Manjit Singh S/o Sh.Sohan Singh,
H.No.388/3, Dhandholian Road,
Bahera Road, Patiala..M :7696282813,

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Asstt. Transport Officer,
Automatic Driving Test Track,
Patiala.

First Appellant Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 430 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjit Singh, Appellant is present.
Ms. Kawaldeep Kaur, Data Entry Operator along with Ms. Shalinder Kaur, Data Entry Operator are present on behalf of Respondents/PIO

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 17.09.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 17.10.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 21.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Ms. Kawaldeep Kaur hands over a copy of requisite information in a bunch relating to AC No.: 430/19, AC No.: 432/19, AC No.: 433/19 and AC No.: 434/19 to the Appellant during the proceedings of the Court. The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh goes through the supplied information and finds it confusing and mixed up, as there is no mentioning of any case numbers in the supplied information.

After discussing with both the parties and on asking about the supplied information, it has been found that, the representative of the Respondent/PIO are not well versed with the facts of this case. They were sent to the Court to handover the documents only. The Commission takes a serious view of this casual approach of the PIO. However, the incomplete information has been returned to the representatives of the Respondent/PIO and Respondent/PIO is further directed to give separate and specific information relating to each case and not in a confusing state.

In view of the above, PIO O/o Asstt. Transport Officer, Automatic Driving Test Track, Patiala will Show Cause under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

....1/2

Appeal Case No. 430 of 2019



In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing.

Strict instructions are issued to the PIO/Respondent to supply the information to the Appellant by registered post and to come present in person along with the information on the next date of hearing.

The appellant is also advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 03.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.04.2019

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commission
Punjab

Show Cause:

Regd. Post : Public Information Officer, (By Name)
O/o Asstt. Transport Officer,
Automatic Driving Test Track,
Patiala.

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Manjit Singh S/o Sh.Sohan Singh,
H.No.388/3, Dhandholian Road,
Bahera Road, Patiala..M :7696282813,

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Asstt. Transport Officer,
Automatic Driving Test Track,
Patiala.

First Appellant Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.
Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 432 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjit Singh, Appellant is present.
Ms. Kawaldeep Kaur, Data Entry Operator along with Ms. Shalinder Kaur, Data Entry Operator are present on behalf of Respondents/PIO

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 17.09.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 23.10.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 21.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Ms. Kawaldeep Kaur hands over a copy of requisite information in a bunch relating to AC No.: 430/19, AC No.: 432/19, AC No.: 433/19 and AC No.: 434/19 to the Appellant during the proceedings of the Court. The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh goes through the supplied information and finds it confusing and mixed up, as there is no mentioning of any case numbers in the supplied information.

After discussing with both the parties and on asking about the supplied information, it has been found that, the representative of the Respondent/PIO are not well versed with the facts of this case. They were sent to the Court to handover the documents only. The Commission takes a serious view of this casual approach of the PIO. However, the incomplete information has been returned to the representatives of the Respondent/PIO and Respondent/PIO is further directed to give separate and specific information relating to each case and not in a confusing state.

In view of the above, PIO O/o Asstt. Transport Officer, Automatic Driving Test Track, Patiala will Show Cause under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act,

2005.

....1/2

Appeal Case No. 432 of 2019



In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing.

Strict instructions are issued to the PIO/Respondent to supply the information to the Appellant by registered post and to come present in person along with the information on the next date of hearing.

The appellant is also advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 03.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.04.2019

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commission
Punjab

Show Cause:

Regd. Post : Public Information Officer, (By Name)
O/o Asstt. Transport Officer,
Automatic Driving Test Track,
Patiala.

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Manjit Singh S/o Sh.Sohan singh,
H.No.388/3, Dhandholian Road,
Bahera Road, Patiala..M :7696282813,

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Asstt. Transport Officer,
Automatic Driving Test Track,
Patiala.

First Appellant Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.
Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 433 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjit Singh, Appellant is present.
Ms. Kawaldeep Kaur, Data Entry Operator along with Ms. Shalinder Kaur, Data Entry Operator are present on behalf of Respondents/PIO

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 17.09.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 23.10.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 21.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Ms. Kawaldeep Kaur hands over a copy of requisite information in a bunch relating to AC No.: 430/19, AC No.: 432/19, AC No.: 433/19 and AC No.: 434/19 to the Appellant during the proceedings of the Court. The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh goes through the supplied information and finds it confusing and mixed up, as there is no mentioning of any case numbers in the supplied information.

After discussing with both the parties and on asking about the supplied information, it has been found that, the representative of the Respondent/PIO are not well versed with the facts of this case. They were sent to the Court to handover the documents only. The Commission takes a serious view of this casual approach of the PIO. However, the incomplete information has been returned to the representatives of the Respondent/PIO and Respondent/PIO is further directed to give separate and specific information relating to each case and not in a confusing state.

In view of the above, PIO O/o Asstt. Transport Officer, Automatic Driving Test Track, Patiala will Show Cause under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act,

2005.

....1/2

Appeal Case No. 433 of 2019



In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing.

Strict instructions are issued to the PIO/Respondent to supply the information to the Appellant by registered post and to come present in person along with the information on the next date of hearing.

The appellant is also advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 03.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.04.2019

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commission
Punjab

Show Cause:

Regd. Post : Public Information Officer, (By Name)
O/o Asstt. Transport Officer,
Automatic Driving Test Track,
Patiala.

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Manjit Singh S/o Sh.Sohan singh,
H.No.388/3, Dhandholian Road,
Bahera Road, Patiala..M :7696282813,

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o Asstt. Transport Officer,
Automatic Driving Test Track,
Patiala.

First Appellant Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.
Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 434 of 2019

Present: Sh. Manjit Singh, Appellant is present.
Ms. Kawaldeep Kaur, Data Entry Operator along with Ms. Shalinder Kaur, Data Entry Operator are present on behalf of Respondents/PIO

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 17.09.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 23.10.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 21.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Ms. Kawaldeep Kaur hands over a copy of requisite information in a bunch relating to AC No.: 430/19, AC No.: 432/19, AC No.: 433/19 and AC No.: 434/19 to the Appellant during the proceedings of the Court. The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh goes through the supplied information and finds it confusing and mixed up, as there is no mentioning of any case numbers in the supplied information.

After discussing with both the parties and on asking about the supplied information, it has been found that, the representative of the Respondent/PIO are not well versed with the facts of this case. They were sent to the Court to handover the documents only. The Commission takes a serious view of this casual approach of the PIO. However, the incomplete information has been returned to the representatives of the Respondent/PIO and Respondent/PIO is further directed to give separate and specific information relating to each case and not in a confusing state.

In view of the above, PIO O/o Asstt. Transport Officer, Automatic Driving Test Track, Patiala will Show Cause under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI Appellant and as to why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

....1/2

Appeal Case No. 434 of 2019



In addition, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision thereto, for a personal hearing with the sought for information, before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing.

Strict instructions are issued to the PIO/Respondent to supply the information to the Appellant by registered post and to come present in person along with the information on the next date of hearing.

The appellant is also advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 03.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.04.2019

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commission
Punjab

Show Cause:

Regd. Post : Public Information Officer, (By Name)
O/o Asstt. Transport Officer,
Automatic Driving Test Track,
Patiala.

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Simranjit Singh S/o Sh. Jagdish Singh,
H.No.93/2, Adarsh Nagar, Jalandhar.
M :9876076662

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.
Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

First Appellant Authority,
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.
Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 441 of 2019

Present: Sh. Simarjit Singh, Appellant is absent.
Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO is present on behalf of Respondents/PIO

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 27.09.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 02.11.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 21.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Simarjit Singh is absent but an email dated 09.04.2019 has been received in the Commission, vide he had requested for an adjournment and further stated in his email that no information has been supplied to him till date.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Gurpal Singh states that they can only provide information to the Appellant relating to point no. 1 only and relating to point no. 2 and 3, they cannot provide the information as pertains to multiple PIOs. He further hands over a copy of letter no. 4078/117519 vide which PIO has mentioned about the case which has been decided on the larger bench i.e CC No. 2903 of 2011.

On going through the facts of this case and judgments relied on by the PIO in matter of CC: 2903/11, I found the following judgment relevant:-

9. With due respect to Ld. Central Information Commission, we are unable to agree with the interpretation put by him on the provisions of Section 6(3) of the Act *ibid*. The provisions of Section 13 of General Clauses Act, 1987 are not relevant to the provisions of Section 6(3) of the Act *ibid*. Section 13 of the General Clauses Act, 1987, in fact, itself makes it clear that the words in the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, unless there is nothing repugnant in the subject or context. The RTI Act is a complete code in itself. The scheme of things under the Act, particularly, as contained in Section 2(j) read with Section 6(1), make it very clear that the right to information granted by Section 3 of the Act, is subject to the procedure prescribed by Section 6. Section 6(1) makes it clear that the information-seeker 'shall' approach the concerned public authority for seeking the information and the concerned



public authority is the one which “holds” or “controls” information as defined in Section 2(j). Section 6(3) is to be construed in a manner which would not nullify the requirement of Sub-section (1). Otherwise, the situation would be that because of Sub-Section (3), every person would have a license to make an application seeking information to almost any or every public authority of his own choice, even when such public authority is not even remotely connected with the information being sought. Section 6(3) has been incorporated to facilitate a citizen’s bonafide mistake, when he errs in identifying the right public authority. The objective of provisions of 6(3) is to help bonafide mistakes, and not whole-sale submission of RTI requests to whosoever one likes. The provisions of Section 6(3) are to be read in the context provisions of Section 6(1). Adopting the principles of harmonious interpretation, it must be held that the words ‘shall transfer the application or such part of it as may be appropriate to that other public authority’ must be construed to mean ‘public authority’ or not multiple public authorities. The right of an information-seeker to get his application transferred to another public authority is to be read in the context of this provision. The spirit and context of the RTI Act and the scheme of things provided thereunder lend meaning to the phrase “Public Authority”. It means one “Public Authority” and not “authorities” So read, Section 13 of the General Clauses Act, 1987 would not be attracted.

10. The above conclusion is further fortified by the fact that each application for information addressed to the public authority which holds or controls the information shall be accompanied by fee as prescribed under the Rules. If information is held by multiple public authorities request for information shall have to be made to those authorizes and each request for information would be required to be accompanied by fee.

11. Furthermore, even from practical point of view, it may lead to confusion in the implementation of RTI Act if the plea of the complainant is accepted. In the present complaint case before us, the information is held by more than 100 separate public authorities. Should the PIO, therefore, leave his own work and start acting as a Coordinator or Nodal PIO for all the public authorities within the State? Who will bear the cost of postage or the time spent by the concerned PIO in transferring such cases to multiple public authorities? Obviously, it would be at the cost of the normal official duties of PIO. The Hon’ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No.6454/2011 titled Central Board of Secondary and Anr. Vs. Aditya Bandopadhyay and Ors. held the RTI Act should not be allowed to be misused or abused, to become a tool to obstruct the national development and integration , or to destroy the peace, tranquility and harmony among its citizens. Nor should it be converted into a tool of oppression or intimidation of honest officials striving to do their duty. The nation does not want a scenario where 75% of the staff of



public authorities spends 75% of their time in collecting and furnishing information to applicants instead of discharging their regular duties. The threat of penalties under the RTI Act and the pressure of the authorities under the RTI Act should not lead to employees of a public authorities prioritizing 'information furnishing', at the cost of their normal and regular duties.

12. If one PIO is legally made responsible for transferring requests for information to multiple public authorities (which could be in hundreds as in the present complaint case), it would result in situations where PIOs may end up spending all time, not just 75%, on this transfer related work. Each PIO would be required to maintain a job profile of each public authority in the country and transfer the requests to the concerned public authority which "holds" or "controls" the information. It is not difficult to see that some of these cases would be returned back, as the receiving public authority may not "hold" the requested information. The offices of public authorities are spread all over the country. Imagine a situation in which an information-seeker makes a request to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, when information is held at the level of railway stations and post offices in the country? Accepting the plea of complainant would lead to such bizarre results apart from setting at naught the procedure and presumption laid down by Section 6(1). It would make the mandatory 'shall' in Section 6(1) redundant. Here we may also refer to the decisions of this Commission in MR-22 of 2006 decided on 28.8.2006 and CC-05/2010 decided on 28.1.2010.

13. In view of the above discussion, we hold that under Section 6(3) of the Act ibid the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that holds the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer the request to multiple public authorities.

Hence, the PIO is directed to supply the requisite information relating to point no. 1 to the Appellant through registered post, before the next date of hearing and the PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing. Information relating to point no. 2 and 3, the Appellant is advised to request/apply RTI's directly to the concerned PIOs. The Appellant is advised to appear in person on the next date of hearing.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 03.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.04.2019

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commission
Punjab

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Rajinder Singh S/o Sh.Om Kumar
VPO Kot Phatuhi, Tehsil Garhshankar
District Hoshiarpur. M:8196976551

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Executive Engineer,
Provincial Division, PWD (B&R)
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Division, PWD(B&R)
Pathankot.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 462 of 2019

Present: Sh. Rajinder Singh, Appellant is absent.
Sh. Dharminder Singh, Assistant Engineer is present on behalf of Respondents/PIO

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 01.11.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 03.12.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 22.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Singh is absent in today's hearing so no statement could be recorded.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Dharminder Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant.

After discussing the representative of the Respondent/PIO and going through the documents which are shown by the representative of the Respondent/PIO, it has been found that, no information has been sent/supplied to the Appellant since the appeal has been filed in the Commission by the Appellant. Strict instructions are issued to the PIO/Respondent to supply the information to the Appellant by registered post again and to come present in person along with the information as well as with the postal receipt through which the information has been sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The appellant is also advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission. The Appellant is advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 03.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.04.2019

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commission
Punjab

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Rajinder Singh S/o Sh.Om Kumar
VPO Kot Phatuhi, Tehsil Garhshankar
District Hoshiarpur. M: 8196976551

... Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer
O/o Executive Engineer,
Provincial Division, PWD (B&R)
Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Division, PWD(B&R)
Amritsar.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 463 of 2019

Present: Sh. Rajinder Singh, Appellant is absent.
None is present on behalf of Respondents/PIO

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 01.11.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 03.12.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 22.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Rajinder Singh is absent in today's hearing so no statement could be recorded.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO is also absent without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through the documents placed on record, strict instructions are issued to the PIO/Respondent to supply the information to the Appellant by registered post and to come present in person along with the information as well as with the postal receipt through which the information has been sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing failing which a legal action would be initiated against the PIO.

The appellant is also advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission. The Appellant is advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 03.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.04.2019

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commission
Punjab

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Yogesh Mahajan

S/o Sh. Kuldeep Raj Mahajan
Opposite Water Tank,
Municipal Market Mission Road,
Pathankot.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Sub Divisional Officer,
Provincial Sub Division No.4,
PWD (B&R), Bathinda at Talwandi Sabo
District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Circle, PWD(B&R)
Bathinda.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 468 of 2019

Present: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, Appellant is absent.
Sh. Sanjiv Kumar, Clerk along with Sh. Sudhir Goyal, Clerk is present on behalf of Respondents/PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 01.10.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 06.12.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 22.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent in today's hearing so no statement could be recorded.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO Sh. Sanjiv Kumar states that the requisite information has already been sent to the Appellant through registered post. He also submits a copy of letter no. 232 dated 12.11.2018 along with requisite information to the Court, which is taken on record.

After discussing with the representative of the Respondent/PIO and going through the documents placed on record, the PIO/Respondent is directed to appear in person or through any of his representative along with the information as well as with the postal receipt through which the information has been sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is also advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission. The Appellant is advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 04.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 09.04.2019

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commission
Punjab

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Yogesh Mahajan

S/o Sh. Kuldeep Raj Mahajan
Opposite Water Tank,
Municipal Market Mission Road,
Pathankot.M: 9814354649

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-

O/o Sub Divisional Officer, Electrical,
Sub Division, PWD (B&R),
Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Superintending Engineer (Electrical),
Construction Circle, PWD(B&R)
Patiala.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 469 of 2019

Present: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, Appellant is absent.
Sh. Karanbir Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer is present on behalf of Respondents/PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 01.10.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 06.12.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 22.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent in today's hearing so no statement could be recorded.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO Sh. Karanbir Singh states that he has brought the certain information in Court. He hands over the copy of Work Order form from dated 22.02.2018 to 01.10.2018, which is taken on record. He further states that he doesn't have information prior to 22.02.2018 (i.e. 02.10.2017 to 21.02.2018 as per Appellant's RTI).

After discussing with the representative of the Respondent/PIO and going through the documents placed on record, the PIO/Respondent is strictly directed to supply the requisite information (i.e from 02.10.2017 to 01.10.2018) through registered post to the Appellant and he is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative along with the requisite information as well as with the postal receipt through which the information has been sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is also advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission. The Appellant is advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 04.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commission
Punjab

Dated: 09.04.2019

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Yogesh Mahajan

S/o Sh. Kuldeep Raj Mahajan
Opposite Water Tank,
Municipal Market Mission Road,
Pathankot

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer-cum-

O/o Sub Divisional Officer, ,
Sub Division No.3, PWD (B&R),
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Superintending Engineer
Construction Circle-2, PWD(B&R)
Patiala.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 472 of 2019

Present: Sh. Yogesh Mahajan, Appellant is absent.

Sh. S.R. Bains, Sub Divisional Engineer is present on behalf of Respondents/PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 01.10.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 06.12.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 22.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Yogesh Mahajan is absent in today's hearing so no statement could be recorded.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. S.R. Bains states that he has brought the requisite information in Court. He hands over the copy of letter vide endorsement no. 10 dated 01.04.2019 along with the work order forms, which is taken on record.

After discussing with the representative of the Respondent/PIO and going through the documents placed on record, the PIO/Respondent is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant through registered post and he is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative along with the requisite information as well as with the postal receipt through which the information has been sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is also advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission. The Appellant is advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 04.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Sanjiv Garg)

**State Information Commission
Punjab**

Dated: 09.04.2019

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Gurmeet Singh S/o Sh. Surmukh Singh
#2072, Bhai Mastan Singh Nagar,
Sri Muktsar Sahib-152026
M:9501421959

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Executive Engineer,
Construction Division No.1,
PWD (B&R), Jalandhar.Cantt.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Division, PWD(B&R)
Jalandhar.

.. Respondents

Appeal Case No. 473 of 2019

Present: Sh. Gurmeet Singh, Appellant is present.
Sh. Dev Raj, Junior Assistant is present on behalf of Respondents/PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 01.10.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 10.11.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 23.01.2019.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Dev Raj states that requisite information has been provided to the Appellant. He also submits a copy of letter no. 810 dated 18.03.2019 vide which the information has been supplied to the Appellant, which is taken on record.

On this, the Appellant, Sh. Gurmeet Singh states that incomplete information has been supplied to him till date and further on discussing with both the parties, it has been found that the Appellant is satisfied with the information relating to point no. 1 and he is requesting for pending information relating to point no.2 and 3.

In view of above, the PIO/Respondent is directed to supply the requisite information relating to point no. 2 and 3 by clarifying it as discussed in the Court, to the Appellant through registered post and he is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative along with the requisite information as well as with the postal receipt through which the information has been sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is also advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission. The Appellant is advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 04.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commission
Punjab

Dated: 09.04.2019

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh.Sukrit Sharda

50/186, Old Shahpur Road,
Pathankot-145001 M: 9888120963

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Engineer,
Provincial Division ,
PWD (B&R), Jalandhar-1.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Circle, PWD(B&R)
Jalandhar-1.

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 480 of 2019

Present: Sh. Sukrit Sharda, Appellant is absent.
Sh. Harjeet Talwar, Junior Assistant along with Sh. Nitish Sharma, Clerk are present on behalf of Respondents/PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 14.09.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 06.11.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 23.01.2019.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Harjeet Talwar states that they cannot provide this information and moreover many letters have been sent to the Appellant to inspect the records by visiting their office but he didn't visit for inspection on any of the mentioned dates. He also submits a copy of letter no. 29 dated 30.11.2018 along with three other letters, vide letter no. 1226 dated 26.11.2018, vide endorsement no. 1335 dated 19.12.2018 and vide letter no. 37 dated 04.01.2019, a copy of them are taken on record.

The Appellant, Sh. Sukrit Sharda is absent in today hearing but a letter vide diary no. 7419 dated 08.04.2019 has been received in the Commission, through which he had stated that he didn't receive any information and further he had requested for an exemption from today's hearing.

After discussing with the representative of the Respondent/PIO, the Appellant is advised to visit the office of PIO on dated 29.05.2019 at 11:00 A.M. for inspection of records and sought the information as per his RTI Application. The concerned PIO's and Sh. Harjeet Talwar are directed to insure their presence at the time inspection of the record by the Appellant and help him in supplying the information that he identifies. The Respondent/PIO is directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing. The Appellant is also advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 04.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Sanjiv Garg)

**State Information Commission
Punjab**

Dated: 09.04.2019

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Sukrit Sharda

50/186, Old Shahpur Road,
Pathankot-145001 M:9888120963

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Executive Engineer,
Construction Division ,
PWD (B&R), Malerkotla-148023
District Sangrur.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Superintending Engineer,
Construction Circle, PWD(B&R)
Sangrur.148001

..Respondents

Appeal Case No. 481 of 2019

Present: Sh. Sukrit Sharda, Appellant is absent.
None is present on behalf of Respondents/PIO.

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 24.09.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 06.11.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 23.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Sukrit Sharda is absent in today hearing but a letter dated 02.04.2019 has been received in the Commission, stating therein that he has received the requisite information.

None is present on behalf of Respondent/PIO, but a letter no. 46 dated 02.04.2019 has been received in the Commission stating therein that the information has been supplied to the Appellant. A letter of the acknowledgement signed by the Appellant is also attached with it. A copy of the same has been taken on record.

In view of above, as the information stands supplied, so no further cause of action is required in this case.

This appeal case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Sanjiv Garg)

**State Information Commission
Punjab**

Dated: 09.04.2019

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

RED CROSS BUILDING, MADHYA MARG, SECTOR 16, CHANDIGARH.

Fax 0172-2864110 Phone No-0172-2864120

Email: psicsic31@punjabmail.gov.in Visit us - www.infocommpunjab.com

Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab.



Sh. Sohan Lal S/o Sh.Lachhman Dass,
R/o VPO Jagatpur, Block Mukandpur
District SBS Nagar (Nasanshahar)

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o State. Transport Commissioner,
Sector-17B, Chandigarh..

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Transport Department, Punjab
Mini Sectt. Sector-9, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 501 of 2019

Present: Sh. Sohan Lal, Appellant is absent.
Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO is present on behalf of Respondents/PIO

ORDER:

The RTI Application was filed by the Appellant on dated 03.10.2018 and he had filed the First Appeal on dated 06.12.2018 and thereafter, filed the appeal in this Commission on dated 25.01.2019.

The Appellant, Sh. Sohan Lal is absent but a letter vide diary no. 6512 dated 26.03.2019 has been received in the Commission, vide which he had stated that no information has been supplied to him till 18.03.2019 and requested for exemption from appearance.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Gurpal Singh states that the partial information has already been sent to Appellant through registered post and assures that the pending information will be supplied to the Appellant before the next date of hearing. He also submits a copy of letter dated 20.12.2018, which is taken on record.

After discussing with the representative of the Respondent/PIO and going through the case file, the Respondent/PIO is directed to supply the requisite information through registered post to the Appellant before the next date of hearing and he is further directed to appear in person or through any of the representative along with the postal receipt through which the requisite information has been sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The appellant is advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

This case is adjourned to next date of hearing i.e. 03.06.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Both the parties to come present on next date of hearing.

Copies of the order be sent to the parties.

Sd/-
(Sanjiv Garg)

State Information Commission
Punjab

Dated: 09.04.2019