Prem Singh S/o Sh. Mehar Singh, House No. 914, Phase 7, Mohali(Punjab)

ORDER

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2131 of 2019

Present : Sh. Prem Singh, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed either to supply certified copies of the available information as per official record to the appellant. If the required information is not found available in the official record, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) was directed to file a written reply in the shape of an affidavit.

The appellant, Sh. Prem Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of ten months.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission 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 proceedings against him exparte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.



...Appellant

Appeal Case No. 2131 of 2019 -2-

The respondent PIO concerned is again directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

> The case is **adjourned to 3rd February, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Prem Singh S/o Sh. Mehar Singh, House No. 914, Phase 7, Mohali(Punjab)

V/s.

(Regd. Post) (Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, S. A. S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2132 of 2019

Present : Sh. Prem Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Dharminder Singh, Stenographer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply complete information to the appellant. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to PIO office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Mohali under the provisions of RTI Act.

Sh. Dharminder Singh, Stenographer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 3687 dated 06.12.2019 signed by Regional Transport Authority-cum-Public Information Officer, S.A.S. Nagar, showing that in response to RTI request, a reply has been given to the appellant, Sh. Prem Singh, appended to which is a written-note signed by the appellant, as an acknowledgement of having received the information. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Prem Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, also through a letter dated 09.12.2019, has asked for filing of this case. It is taken on record

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that on the hearing, held on 01.10.2019, a show-cause notice was issued to PIO office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Mohali.

Sh. Dharminder Singh, Stenographer (representative of the respondent) during the hearing, through an oral-submission has explained that delay caused by the respondent PIO concerned in the instant appeal case in supplying the information to the appellant, was not due to malafide intention.

After having consent of the appellant to dispose of the case, moreover, after going through the oral submission made by representative of the respondent PIO and finding the explanation made by him, genuine, the show cause issued in the name of PIO office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Mohali is <u>dropped.</u>

In view of all the above, the case is <u>disposed of and closed.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019



...Appellant

Prem Singh S/o Sh. Mehar Singh, House No. 914, Phase 7, Mohali(Punjab) Point Hormatics

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2133 of 2019

Present : Sh. Prem Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Ravinder Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply complete information to the appellant. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to PIO office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana under the provisions of RTI Act.

The appellant, Sh. Prem Singh, appeared in person in today's hearing.

Sh. Ravinder Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in

today's hearing, orally explains the facts of this case and has given assurance that reply/information would be given to the appellant positively and requests for an adjournment in this case.

The request is granted.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, before the next date of hearing and submit a copy of the postal receipt on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

The case is adjourned to 3rd February, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.



Prem Singh S/o Sh. Mehar Singh, House No. 914, Phase 7, Mohali(Punjab)

Phase 7,

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2129 of 2019

Present : Sh. Prem Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply complete information to the Appellant by registered post.

V/s.

Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 9945 dated 06.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer/Assistant Transport Commissioner, Patiala, showing that the information sought for by the appellant through RTI request is regarding rules of deduction in G.P.F amount under 'STR 17 schedule' and despite making lot of efforts, the relevant official record could not be traced, hence could not be supplied. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Prem Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally shown his dissatisfaction over the reply given by the respondent PIO.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to put more efforts to trace out the relevant official record and directed either to supply certified copies of the available information as per official record to the appellant by or on the next date of hearing. If the required information is not found available in the official record, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will file a written reply in the shape of an affidavit, on the next date of hearing

With this, the case is **adjourned to 3rd February**, **2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019

...Appellant

Prem Singh S/o Sh. Mehar Singh, House No. 914, Phase 7, Mohali(Punjab)

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

... Appellant

Appeal Case No. 2130 of 2019

V/s.

Present : Sh. Prem Singh, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply complete information to the appellant. if the information is not available, then the respondent PIO will file a reply, in writing, in the form of an affidavit.

The appellant, Sh. Prem Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing,

states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that on the heraing, held on 01.10.2019, Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu, Assistant Transport Officer, appeared before the Commission and stated that the information, demanded by the appellant is 28 years old and had given assurance that the requisite information would be provided to the Appellant.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of ten months.

In view of the above, <u>a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public</u> Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission 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 proceedings against him ex-parte. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

Appeal Case No. 2130 of 2019 -2-

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, before the next date of hearing and submit a copy of the postal receipt on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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Ms. Daljeet Kaur W/o Sh.Gurmeet Singh #553, New Defence Colony, Deep Nagar-II, Jalandhar Cantt.-144005 (Punjab)

...Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer(Regd. Post)O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Jalandhar (Punjab).First Appellate AuthorityO/o The The State Transport Commissioner
Punjab, Sector-17,
Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3406 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

Ms. Ambika, Section Officer-cum-PIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply the remaining information to the appellant and a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- was imposed on the concerned PIO office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar

The appellant, Ms. Daljeet Kaur, is not present in today's hearing.

Ms. Ambika, Section Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, is unaware of the facts of this case. She has also not submitted any document, which shows that the required information has been supplied to the appellant.

As the order passed by the Commission on 01.10.2019 has not been complied as the concerned PIO has neither sent any intimation whether the required information has been supplied to the appellant or not, nor he has deposited the penalty amount, which was imposed upon him on the last date of hearing, held on 01.10.2019, in the Treasury of Punjab Government.

Accordingly, taking a serious view, the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- is enhanced by Rs. 2500/- i. e. from Rs. 5000/- (penalty already imposed Rs. 5000/- + enhanced Rs. 2500/-) to 7500/-

Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar is directed to comply with the orders passed by the Commission by paying Rs. 7500/- in the Treasury of Punjab Government by the next date of hearing.

Appeal Case No. 3406 of 2019 -2-

The amount of penalty to be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head	0070 -Other Administrative Services
Subj-Major Head	60 - Other Services
Minor Head	800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head	86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head	0070 Other Administrative Services
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission by or on the next date of hearing.

The respondent PIO concerned is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing, which shows that the required information has been supplied to the appellant. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.</u>

The appellant is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing

The case is **adjourned to 3rd February, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab Ravinder Singh, C/o Office No. 23, New Lawyer's Chamber, BLOCK- A, District Courts – Faridkot - 151203(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot (Punjab).

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot (Punjab).

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1080 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the PIO Respondent was directed to supply complete information to the appellant by registered post. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to PIO office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot under the provisions of RTI Act.

The appellant, Sh. Ravinder Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date despite the fact that a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to PIO office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot under the provisions of RTI Act.

For holding guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and for making delay more than 250 days in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.



Appeal Case No. 1080 of 2019 -2-

The amount of penalty to be deposited in the Treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head	0070 -Other Administrative Services
Subj-Major Head	60 - Other Services
Minor Head	800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head	86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head	0070 Other Administrative Services
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission by or on the next date of hearing.

The respondent-PIO concerned is also directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, through registered post before the next date of hearing and submit a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing.

The respondent PIO is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.</u>

The appellant is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing

The case is adjourned to 3rd February, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.

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Date : 9th December, 2019

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Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,

Ward No 18, St. No -2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna-141401, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellant Authority,

O/o The Regional Dy. Director, Urban Local Govt., Pb., Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2209 of 2018

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person. Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply complete information to the appellant by registered post and produce a copy of the postal receipt to the information. The Appellant was advised to point out deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

V/s

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received part information and information at point no. 03 of the RTI request is still pending.

Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 236 dated 06.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer office of Municipal Council, Khanna, showing that certified copies of the available information has already been supplied to the appellant and information at point no. 03 of the RTI request could not be supplied to him as such type of record is not maintained in the office. It is taken on record.

As through RTI request at point no. 03, copy of list of the sewerman employed and list supplied to the Municipal Council, Khanna for maintenance of the sewer for city 1 & 2' was demanded and if such record is not maintained in the office of the respondent, the respondent-PIO concerned is directed to file a proper reply, in writing, specifically in connection with point no. 03 of the RTI request, by or on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 3rd February, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



...Appellant

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Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,

Ward No 18, St. No -2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna-141401, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellant Authority,

O/o The Regional Dy. Director, Urban Local Govt., Pb., Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2210 of 2018

V/s

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person. Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the appellant was advised to visit the office of the concerned PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 26.11.2019 at 11:00 A.M. to identify the information and if the required information relating to work order and estimate bills for the period from 01.09.2017 to 22.01.2018, consists of more than 100 pages, then the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the identified information to the appellant after receiving the charges from him.

Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 238 dated 06.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer office of Municipal Council, Khanna, showing that certified copies of the required information has already been supplied to the appellant time and again. He also hands over a copy of the required information to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. It is taken on record.

After going through the information supplied, the appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received part information and information regarding work orders for the period from 01.09.2017 to 22.01.2018 is still pending.

On this, Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, states that the remaining information would be supplied to the appellant positively .

On this, the appellant states that he will have no objection if the case is closed today itself. He also through a letter dated 09.12.2019 has asked for filing of this case. It is taken on record.

In view of all the above, the case is <u>disposed of and closed</u> with the directions to the respondent PIO to supply the remaining information regarding work orders for the period from 01.09.2017 to 22.01.2018 to the appellant positively.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Date : 9th December, 2019

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... Appellant



Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,

Ward No 18, St. No -2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna-141401, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellant Authority,

O/o The Regional Dy. Director, Urban Local Govt., Pb., Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2208 of 2018

V/s

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.

Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply complete information to the appellant by registered post and produce a copy of the postal receipt to the information. Final opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 234 dated 06.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer office of Municipal Council, Khanna, showing that certified copies of the required information has been supplied to the appellant, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by him. He also hands over a copy of the required information to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. It is taken on record.

After going through the information supplied, the appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the information. He also through a letter dated 09.12.2019 has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and satisfied with the same and gave his consent to close this case. It is taken on record.

> In view of all the above, the case is <u>disposed of and closed.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

> > (Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, Ward No 18, St. No -2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna-141401, District Ludhiana (Punjab)

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellant Authority, O/o The Regional Dy. Director, Urban Local Govt., Pb., Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana (Punjab) ...Appellant

..... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2207 of 2018

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person. Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, in person. ORDER

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply complete information to the appellant by registered post and produce a copy of the postal receipt to the information. Final opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, to the respondent PIO through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

V/s

Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 232 dated 06.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer office of Municipal Council, Khanna, showing that certified copies of the required information (17 pages) has been supplied to the appellant, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by him. He also hands over a copy of the required information to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. It is taken on record.

After going through the information supplied, the appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the information. He also through a letter dated 09.12.2019 has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and satisfied with the same and gave his consent to close this case. It is taken on record.

> In view of all the above, the case is <u>disposed of and closed.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.



Manjit Singh

S/o Sh. Sohan Singh H.No.388/3, Moh. Dhandolian Street, Bahera Road, Patiala(Punjab)

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Mini Sectt., Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2984 of 2018

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the Appellant was directed to point out discrepancies and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by email or through registered post with a copy to the Commission within a week from that day and respondent/PIO was directed to remove the same.

Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk (with an authority letter), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, complete information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the information in the form of CD and will have no objection if the case is closed today itself. He also through a letter dated 09.12.2019, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and satisfied with the same and asked for filing of his case. It is taken on record.

Since the information stands supplied, the case is <u>disposed of and closed</u>. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

> (Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Manjit Singh S/o Sh.Sohan Singh, H.No.388/3, Dhandholian Road, Bahera Road, Patiala(Punjab)

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

First Appellant Authority,

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 430 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the appellant was directed to point out discrepancies and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by email or through registered post with a copy to the Commission within a week from that day and respondent/PIO was directed to remove the same.

V/s

Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk (with an authority letter), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, complete information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing,

states that he has received the information. He also through a letter dated 09.12.2019 has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and satisfied with the same and asked for filing of his case. It is taken on record.

> Since the information stands supplied, the case is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

> > (Sanjiv Garg) **State Information Commissioner** Punjab

Date : 9th December, 2019

... Appellant

Manjit Singh S/o Sh.Sohan Singh, H.No.388/3, Dhandholian Road, Bahera Road, Patiala(Punjab)

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

First Appellant Authority,

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 432 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the appellant was directed to point out discrepancies and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by email or through registered post with a copy to the Commission and respondent/PIO was directed to remove the same.

Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk (with an authority letter), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, complete information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the information. He also through a letter dated 09.12.2019 has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and satisfied with the same and asked for filing of his case. It is taken on record.

> Since the information stands supplied, the case is **disposed of and closed**. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

> > (Sanjiv Garg) **State Information Commissioner** Puniab

Date : 9th December. 2019



... Appellant

V/s.

Manjit Singh

S/o Sh.Sohan singh, H.No.388/3, Dhandholian Road, Bahera Road, Patiala(Punjab)

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Asstt. Transport Officer,

Automatic Driving Test Track, Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellant Authority,

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 433 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the appellant was directed to point out discrepancies and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by email or through registered post with a copy to the Commission and respondent/PIO was directed to remove the same.

Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk (with an authority letter), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, complete information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh. He also hands over a copy of the same to the applicant during the hearing in the Commission today.

After going through the information supplied, the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the information. He also through a letter dated 09.12.2019 has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and satisfied with the same and asked for filing of his case. It is taken on record.

Since the information stands supplied, the case is <u>disposed of and closed.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



...Appellant

Manjit Singh

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V/s.

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Automatic Driving Test Track, Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellant Authority,

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 434 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 01.10.2019 and the appellant was directed to point out discrepancies and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by email or through registered post with a copy to the Commission and respondent/PIO was directed to remove the same.

Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk (with an authority letter), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, complete information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh. He also hands over a copy of the same to the applicant during the hearing in the Commission today.

After going through the information supplied, the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the information. He also through a letter dated 09.12.2019 has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and satisfied with the same and asked for filing of his case. It is taken on record.

Since the information stands supplied, the case is <u>disposed of and closed.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019 Sta

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... Appellant

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V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Jiwandeep Building, Sector -17, Chandigarh

Appeal Case No. 1685 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and the Public Information Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala was directed to supply the required information to the appellant after collecting the same from the concerned and submit a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission. He was also directed to ensure presence of Motor Vehicle Inspector office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala before the Commission to clear the facts of this case.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that on the hearing, held on 21.11.2019, Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant State Transport Officer-cum-PIO, appeared in person and stated that the information sought for by the appellant relates with office of Motor Vehicle Inspector office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala was directed to supply the required information to the appellant and Motor Vehicle Inspector office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala was directed to remain present during the hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of eight months.



....Appellant

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1685 of 2019 -2-

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Motor Vehicle Registration Department office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission 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 proceedings against him exparte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

The Motor Vehicle Inspector of office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order also be sent to him <u>through registered post</u>

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information as per his queries raised by the appellant in RTI request through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

> The case is **adjourned to 29th January, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Date : 9th December, 2019

(Regd. Post) The Motor Vehicle Inspector, O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Department, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala (Punjab)

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....Appellant

....Respondents

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Jiwandeep Building, Sector -17, Chandigarh

Appeal Case No. 1686 of 2019

V/s

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and the Public Information Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala was directed to supply the required information to the appellant after collecting the same from the concerned and submit a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission. He was also directed to ensure presence of Motor Vehicle Inspector office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala before the Commission to clear the facts of this case.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that on the hearing, held on 21.11.2019, Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant State Transport Officer-cum-PIO, appeared in person and stated that the information sought for by the appellant relates with office of Motor Vehicle Inspector office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala was directed to supply the required information to the appellant and Motor Vehicle Inspector office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala was directed to remain present during the hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of eight months.



Appeal Case No. 1686 of 2019 -2-

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Motor Vehicle Registration Department office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission 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 proceedings against him exparte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

The Motor Vehicle Inspector of office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order also be sent to him <u>through registered post</u>

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information as per his queries raised by the appellant in RTI request through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 29th January, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

(Regd. Post) The Motor Vehicle Inspector, O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Department, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala (Punjab)

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....Appellant

....Respondents

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Jiwandeep Building, Sector -17, Chandigarh

Appeal Case No. 1687 of 2019

V/s

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and the Public Information Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala was directed to supply the required information to the appellant after collecting the same from the concerned and submit a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission. He was also directed to ensure presence of Motor Vehicle Inspector office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala before the Commission to clear the facts of this case.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that on the hearing, held on 21.11.2019, Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant State Transport Officer-cum-PIO, appeared in person and stated that the information sought for by the appellant relates with office of Motor Vehicle Inspector office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala was directed to supply the required information to the appellant and Motor Vehicle Inspector office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala was directed to remain present during the hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of eight months.



Appeal Case No. 1687 of 2019 -2-

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Motor Vehicle Registration Department office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission 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 proceedings against him exparte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

The Motor Vehicle Inspector of office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order also be sent to him <u>through registered post</u>

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information as per his queries raised by the appellant in RTI request through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 29th January, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

(Regd. Post) The Motor Vehicle Inspector, O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Department, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala (Punjab)

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....Appellant

....Respondents

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Jiwandeep Building, Sector -17, Chandigarh

Appeal Case No. 1688 of 2019

V/s

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and the Public Information Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala was directed to supply the required information to the appellant after collecting the same from the concerned and submit a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission. He was also directed to ensure presence of Motor Vehicle Inspector office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala before the Commission to clear the facts of this case.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that on the hearing, held on 21.11.2019, Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant State Transport Officer-cum-PIO, appeared in person and stated that the information sought for by the appellant relates with office of Motor Vehicle Inspector office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala. Accordingly, the Public Information Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala was directed to supply the required information to the appellant and Motor Vehicle Inspector office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala was directed to remain present during the hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of eight months.



Appeal Case No. 1688 of 2019 -2-

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Motor Vehicle Registration Department office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission 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 proceedings against him exparte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post

The Motor Vehicle Inspector of office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order also be sent to him <u>through registered post</u>

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information as per his queries raised by the appellant in RTI request through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 29th January, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

(Regd. Post) The Motor Vehicle Inspector, O/o Motor Vehicle Registration Department, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala (Punjab)

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... Appellant

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i)	Public Information Officer,
	O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
	Sector 17, Chandigarh

ii)	Public Information Officer,
(<u>Regd. Post</u>)	O/o The Secretary,
	Regional Transport Authority,
Encl : RT request	Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2171 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

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<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.10.2019 and another opportunity was given to

the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, appeared in person in today's hearing.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person

in today's hearing, submits a letter no. 31181 dated 29.10.2019, signed by Public Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, showing that RTI request dated 25.03.2019of the appellant has been transferred to Public Information Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act with an intimation to the appellant. It is taken on record.

Accordingly, PIO of office of Public Information Officer office of Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority, Patiala be impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him in his RTI request, by the next date of hearing. He is directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case.

The case is adjourned to 29th January, 2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Encl : RTI request



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...Complainant

V/s

(**Regd. Post)** Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 646 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manvinder Singh Gill, the complainant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 20.11.2019 and the respondent PIO was advised to supply complete information to the complainant by registered post and a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was also issued to PIO office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The complainant, Sh. Manvinder Singh Gill, who appeared in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far as directed vide orders dated 20.11.2019.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of five months.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission 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 proceedings against him ex-parte. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

The case is adjourned to 7th January, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Rohit Sabharwal, Kundan Bhawan, 126, Model Gram, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2210 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, in person ;
- ii) Sh. Ravinder Singh, Clerk O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.10.2019 and PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana was impleaded necessary party in this case with the directions to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request. The respondent PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh was also directed to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative so that the facts of this case could be cleared.

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, authorised representative for the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabharwal, through a letter dated 05.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that till date the sought information has not been provided by the respondent PIO and requested that her personal appearance be exempted for today's hearing. It is taken on record.



Appeal Case No. 2210 of 2019

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 28989 dated 09.10.2019 signed by Public Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, showing that the information sought for by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana and accordingly the RTI request of the appellant was transferred to the said office under section 6(3) of the RTI Act. It is taken on record.

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Sh. Ravinder Singh, Clerk of office of Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, who appeared in today's hearing, requests for an adjournment in this case.

The request is granted.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post within fifteen days from today and submit a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing or the case would be decided on merits.

> The case is <u>adjourned to 3rd February, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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...Appellant

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Shakti Bhushan S/o Sh. Kewal Krishan Kaushal, Gali – Bhaini Sahib, Ward No. 08, Dhanaula, Distt. - Barnala (Punjab)

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Motor Vehicle Inspector,
Motor Vehicle Registration Deptt.,
O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb., Sector 17, Chandigarh

Appeal Case No. 3005 of 2019

Present : Sh. Shakti Bhushan, the appellant in person. Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Clerk O/o Regional Transport Authority, Patiala.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. A show-cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was also issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Motor Vehicle Inspector, Motor Vehicle Registration Office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Clerk of office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala, who appeared in today's hearing, states that he has brought the requisite information in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan during the hearing. He also handed over the same to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today.

The appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, points out that part information has been given to him and through RTI request he has also demanded copies of bills, which have not been given to him till date.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information to the appellant through registered post by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received complete information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO) or not.

Another opportunity is given to the Motor Vehicle Inspector of office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order also be sent to him <u>through registered post.</u>

The case is adjourned to 29th January, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Date : 9th December, 2019

...Respondents



Sat Pal Sharma, H. No. 3623, Street No.1, Durgapuri, Haibowal Kalan, Distt.-Ludhiana (Punjab)

.....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (Punjab)

.....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 174 of 2016

Present : Sh. Suresh Aggarwal on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Raj Kumar, Head Draftsman;
- ii) Sh.Harjit Singh, Draftsman, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

The above mentioned case was earlier heard by Hon'ble State Information

Commissioner, Sh. A. S. Chanduraian and was disposed of vide order dated 28.11.2017. The appellant through a letter dated 12.06.2019, has intimated the Commission that the respondent department has not supplied him the remaining information regarding status report of the matter under appeal as directed vide orders dated 28.11.2017. The Deputy Registrar of the Commission sent letters twice, vide no. 264 dated 24.04.2019 and vide no. 404 dated 27.06.2019 to the Commissioner office of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana to comply with the orders dated 28.11.2017 by supplying the remaining information to the Commission under intimation to the Commission. As no report/response was received in the Registry Branch, the above mentioned case has been allocated vide office note dated 23.09.2019 to the Bench of the undersiged for rehearing. Accordingly, the case is fixed for today for hearing.

Sh. Suresh Aggarwal, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Sat Pal Sharma, in today's hearing, states that information regarding encroachment has not been given to him till date.

Sh. Raj Kumar, Head Draftsman and Sh. Harjit Singh, Draftsman, appeared in today's hearing.

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Heard both the parties.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 24.12.2019 at 11:00 A. M. so that the information could be identified. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 24.12.2019 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

Sh. Raj Kumar, Head Draftsman and Sh. Harjit Singh, Draftsman, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him as per official record by the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 3rd February, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.

The next date of hearing has been announced to both the parties (present) in the open court.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 9th December, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab