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Sh. Inderpal Singh (9914708880)

s/o Sh. Surjit Singh, R/o 240, Block B, Ahluwalia Colony, Jamalpur, Ludhiana

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4179 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Inder Pal Singh - appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk

ORDER

- 1. The RTI application is dated 20.6.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 27.7.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.9.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 10.5.2022 i.e. today.
- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present, Sh. Inder Pal Singh, appellant requests the court for directions to the respondent to supply the sought for information as per his RTI application.
- 3. Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk appearing on behalf of PIO states that Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, PIO is busy so he is unable to attend the hearing. He further requests for adjournment and promises to supply the information before the next date of hearing. He requests the court to advise the appellant for an inspection.
- 4. The court fixes the date of inspection for Monday i.e. 16.5.2022 at 11.00 a.m. as mutually consented by both the parties.
- 5. The court directs the respondent to be present on the fixed date & time in the office and show the record as per RTI application and may be supplied to the appellant without wasting further time under intimation to the Commission.
- 6. To come up on **13.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Manjit Singh (8427498620)

s/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Vill. Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib, Distt. Ropar

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority, Mohali

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority, Mohali

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4195 of 2021 Through CISCO Webex

Present:

Dated: 10.5.2022

- (i) Sh. Manjit Singh appellant
- (ii) For the respondent: absent

Order

- 1. The RTI application is dated 30.4.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 15.6.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.9.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 10.5.2022 i.e. today
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant is present but nobody appears from the respondent department in spite of registered notice.
- 3. The appellant requests the court for suitable directions to the respondent department for supplying the requisite information as per his RTI application as sufficient time of 5 months has elapsed.
- 4. After hearing the appellant, the court directs the respondent to supply the requisite information within 10 days from the receipt of orders failing which strict action shall be initiated. The respondent is also directed to comply with the directions of the court and join hearings without fail in future.
- 7. To come up on **13.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Manjit Singh (8427498620)

s/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Vill. Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib, Distt. Ropar

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Managing Director, PRTC, Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o Managing Director, PRTC, Patiala

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4196 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Dated: 10.5.2022

- (i) Sh. Manjit Singh appellant
- (ii) For the respondent: Sh. Dharun (APIO)

Order

- 1. The RTI application is dated 3.5.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 11.6.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.9.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 10.5.2022 i.e. today.
- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present, the appellant requests the court for directions to the respondent to supply the sought for information as per his RTI application as sufficient time has gone in vain.
- 3. The respondent Sh. Dharun states that the sought information with regard to point No.4, as per RTI application has already been sent to the appellant.
- 4. After hearing both the parties, the court directs the respondent PIO to give point-wise affidavit in original to the appellant within 10 days and copy of the same to the Commission.
- 5. To come up on **13.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Manjit Singh (8427498620)

s/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Vill. Manemajra, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib, Distt. Ropar

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Managing Director, PRTC, Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o Managing Director, PRTC, Patiala

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4198 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Manjit Singh - appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Dharun, APIO, PRTC, Patiala

Order

Dated: 10.5.2022

- 1. The RTI application is dated 3.5.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 11.6.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.9.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 10.5.2022 i.e. today.
- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present, the appellant requests the court for directions to the respondent to supply the sought for information as per his RTI application as sufficient time has gone in vain.
- 3. The respondent states that as per RTI application the information sought for contains 326 pages and documentation fee amounting Rs.652/- was demanded from the appellant vide letter no. 1508 dated 11.05.2021 but till date has not been deposited.
- 4. After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, appellant is advice to deposit Rs.652/- and get the information from the department. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant within seven days after receipt of the documentation fee.
- 6. To come up on **13.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Ranbir Singh (9814620143)

s/o Sh. Subhash Singh, R/o Vill. Madhopur, Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority

Dated: 10.5.2022

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4242 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Order None present.

- 1. The RTI application is dated 3.5.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 27.5.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 16.9.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 10.5.2022 i.e. today.
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant is not present for today's hearing but an email dated 09.05.2022 is received by the undersigned Bench and taken on record.
- 3. Respondent PIO is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing.
- 4. In view of first hearing, one more opportunity is granted to both the parties to represent their case on the next of hearing failing which the case will be decided on merits.
- 5. To come up on **03.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Bhushan Jain (8146300392)

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Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4256 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Dated: 10.5.2022

- (i) Sh. Bhushan Jain, appellant-absent
- (ii) For the respondent: Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk

Order

- 1. The RTI application is dated 4.6.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 17.7.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 20.9.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 10.5.2022 i.e. today
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant is absent.
- 3. Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk appearing on behalf of PIO states that Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, PIO is busy so he is unable to attend the hearing. He further requests for adjournment and promises to supply the information before the next date of hearing.
- 4. In view of request of the respondent department, the court grants another opportunity to represent the case to both the parties. The respondent department is also directed to supply the information before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.
- 5. To come up on **06.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Versus

Public Information Officer O/o G.M., District Industrial Centre, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o G.M., District Industrial Centre,
Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 3315 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Dated: 10.5.2022

- (i) Appellant-absent
- (ii) For the respondent: Sh. Rakesh Kumar (9501019029)

Order

- 1. The above mentioned case was earlier heard on 27.10.2021 where both the parties were absent. The Commission directed the respondent department to supply the requisite information duly attested by registered post before the next of hearing. The case was adjourned to 12.1.2022. The case allotted to the undersigned on 3.1.2022 consequent upon retirement of Ld. SIC(Sh. Hem Inder Singh) but was not heard on the fixed for today i.e. 10.5.2022.
- 2. The appellant states that sufficient time has gone but the requisite information is still awaited.
- 3. The respondent states that time and again replied were sent to the appellant dated 16.04.2021 (vide letter 2349) and 10.05.2021 (vide letter no. 2664) and 17.06.2021 (vide letter no. 3077) was sent to the appellant. He further requests to the court for an inspection of record by the appellant, which court accedes to and advises the appellant to go for an inspection of record in connection with RTI application. The court fixes the inspection for 16.05.2022 at 11.00 a.m. and the appellant is advised to contact Sh. Rakesh for inspection.
- 4. In view of the above, the court advises the respondent to get the record inspected and supply the identified information to the appellant, under intimation to the Commission.
- 5. The respondent states that the requisite information has already been sent to the appellant on 22.10.2021 by registered. To come up on **08.09.2022** at **11:00 A.M.** through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Baldev Singh, (9814715043)

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Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o The Deputy Commissioner

Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 3602 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Baldev Singh, appellant-present

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Karan Kumar (9888901611)

Order

Dated: 10.5.2022

- 1. Refer earlier order dated: 2.11.2021 wherein respondent-2 was directed to supply certified copy of the demanded information to the appellant through registered post. The case was adjourned to 17.1.2022. The case allotted to the undersigned Bench on 3.1.2022 consequent upon retirement of Ld. SIC(Sh. Hem Inder Singh), which was not heard on 17.01.2022 and fixed for today i.e. 10.5.2022.
- 2. In today's hearing both the parties are present. The appellant intimates the Commission that information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
- 3. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that on the previous hearing held on 02.11.2021, respondent, Sh. Sahil Kumar stated that information pertains to DC Office, Jalandhar and RTI was transferred to DC Office, Jalandhar but inadvertently notice of hearing was not sent to the concerned department i.e. DC Office, Jalandhar by the undersigned Bench. A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.
- 4. To come up on **18.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate(9041004313)

Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender, Phillaur 144410.

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o SDM, Kapurthala

First Appellate Authority O/o SDM, Kapurthala

Dated: 10.5.2022

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 1110 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate.

(ii) For the respondent: absent

Order

- 1. Refer earlier order dated: 10.11.2021 where both the parties were absent. The respondent PIO was directed to supply the information before the next date of hearing by registered post failing which a show cause notice would be issued. The case was adjourned to 18.1.2022. The case was allotted to the undersigned Bench on 3.1.2022 consequent upon retirement of Ld. SIC (Sh. Hem Inder Singh). Notice of hearing was sent to both the parties for 10.5.2022 i.e. today.
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant states that in spite of earlier directions, the respondent did not turn up for hearing and nothing has been supplied till date.
- 3. Respondent PIO is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing as Notice of hearing was sent o the respondents PIO through registered post by the undersigned Bench but he did not bother to represent this case.

It is also observed that respondent PIO was absent on the all previous hearings held on 03.06.2021, 24.08.2021, 10.11.2021 and today itself. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously as it affects the disposal of the case.

4. In view of the foregoing, respondent PIO, O/o SDM, Kapurthala is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, 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.

5. To come up on **07.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Sanjiv Goyal s/o (9814197689)

Sh. Ashok Kumar, H.No.148, Model Town, Phase-I, Bathinda 151001.

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Improvement Trust, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority O/o Improvement Trust, Bathinda

Dated:10.5.2022

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 902 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Sanjiv Goyal, Appellant

(ii) Sh. Gora Lal, EO, Improvement Trust, Bathinda (9117540893) respondent

Order

- 1. Refer earlier dated: 15.3.2022 wherein respondent PIO was absent and a final opportunity was availed to him to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively along with directions to remove the deficiency in connection with point no. 10 within ten days after receipt of this order. A copy of this order was sent to him through registered post for his ready reference. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 10.05.2022 i.e. today.
- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present and respondent PIO is directed to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 15.03.2022 on the appellant's visit office of the respondent on 11.5.2022 at 3.00 p.m. for inspection of record and respondent PIO is directed to supply the pointed out information to the appellant without fail, under intimation to the Commission.
- 3. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
- With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on 21.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal (9814197689)

s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar # 148, Model Town, Phase-I, Bathinda

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o G.M., PRTC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority O/o M.D, PRTC, Bathinda

Dated:10.5.2022

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3025 of 2021
Notice of Hearing through

Present:

- (i) Sh. Sanjiv Goyal, Appellant
- (ii) Sh. Gora Lal, EO, Improvement Trust, Bathinda (9117540893) respondent

Order

- 1. Refer earlier dated: 15.3.2022 where both the parties were available for hearing. The appellant was advised to visit office of the respondent for an inspection. The case was adjourned to 10.5.2022 i.e. today.
- 2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
- 3. The respondent requests that appellant may again be advised for an inspection in the present and ensures that after inspection the entire information shall be provided to the appellant.
- 4. In view of the above, the appellant is advised to visit office of EO, Improvement Trust, Bathinda tomorrow i.e. 11.05.2022 during office hours and get the record inspected as per his RTI application. The respondent is also directed to supply the pointed out information without fail, under intimation to the Commission.
- With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on 21.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties. (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

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Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority O/o MC, Bathinda

Appeal Case No.: 904 of 2021

Appeal Case No.: 904 of 2021 Heard Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Sanjiv Goyal, Appellant

Dated: 10.5.2022 (11:00 AM)

(ii) Sh. Raj Singh, Clerk (9877914251) respondent

Order

- 1. This order may be read with the previous order dated: 15.3.2022 vide which a show cause notice was given to the respondent for not providing information. He was also directed to remove the deficiency. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 10.5.2022 i.e. today.
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant is present and states that deficiencies have not been removed till date.
- 3. The respondent department's letter dated: 16.8.2021, the RTI has been sent to the concerned department. The court directs to send the name & address of the concerned department.
- 4. In view of the above discussions, the appellant is once again advised to visit office of the respondent for an inspection. The inspection may be fixed mutually by both the parties. The respondent PIO is directed to be present on the fixed date & time and show the record. He is also advised to provide the information as pointed by the appellant, under intimation to the Commission along with directions to submit a reply to the Show Cause which was issued to him by the Commission vide order dated 15.03.2022.
- With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on 21.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties. (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

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Appellant

Vs.

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o Police Station Mataur,

District Moahli.

First Appellate Authority

Dated: 10.5.2022

Dated: 10.5.2022

O/o IGP, Police HQ, Chandigarh Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1385 of 2020 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Ms. Vaishali.

(ii) Respondent: Sub-Inspector, Sh. Ranjeet Singh(7380155088).

ORDER:

- 1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 13.4.2022 vide which respondent PIO intimated that the requisite information had already been supplied to the appellant stating therein that the information was not available with the department. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 10.5.2022 i.e. today.
- 2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Ranjeet Singh states that appellant may visit their office today and can go through the record.
- 3. The appellant is advised to visit office of the respondent and get the matter sorted out. She is also advised to tell the Commission today before 5.00 p.m. of the outcome of the visit. She is also advised to contact the respondent, Sh. Ranjeet Singh.
- 4. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
- With aforesaid directions, matter is adjourned for further hearing on <u>21.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M.</u> through CISCO WEBEX application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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(Anumit Singh Sodhi) State Information Commissioner Punjab

Note: A call from Ms Vaishali, Advocate, appellant was received at 5:00 PM, stating that she had been waiting the respondent since 4.00 p.m in the respondent's office as per directions, he was missing and his mobile was also not reachable.