



Manjit Singh

S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,
388/13, Bahera Road,
Patiala (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

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

First Appellate Authority,

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1153 of 2019

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

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 28.11.2018. First appeal is dated 31.12.2018. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.03.2019.

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

Neither the respondent PIO nor his representative is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the Notice of Hearing issued by the Commission vide no. 9422 dated 29.05.2019 in the name of the Public Information Officer office of Asstt. State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Automatic Driving Test(Track), Patiala is received back as 'undelivered' through Diary No. 11522 dated 13.06.2019 alongwith a copy of the RTI request and other enclosures. It is taken on record.

A copy of this order be sent again to the respondent Public Information Officer office of Asstt. State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Automatic Driving Test(Track), Patiala through registered post alongwith a copy of Notice of Hearing, RTI request and other enclosure with the directions to send the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post at his residential address within five weeks from today and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing positively.

The appellant is advised to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be sent by the concerned 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 through registered post with a copy to the Commission, before the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 2nd September, 2019 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 10th July,2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl : Notice of Hearing, RTI request and other enclosures



Ms. Shruti, Advocate,
H. No. 82, Labour Colony,
Backside Scooter Market,
Gill Road, Ludhiana - 141003 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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. 1163 of 2019

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

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 31.12.2018. First appeal is dated 04.02.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.03.2019.

The appellant, Ms. Shruti is not present in today's hearing. She has also not sent any intimation regarding her non-availability.

Neither the respondent PIO nor his authorized 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.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer of office of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI appellant 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. A copy this order be sent to him through registered post.

The PIO/Respondent is directed to supply the complete information to the Appellant as per queries raised by her through his RTI request through registered post before the next date of hearing. The PIO concerned is also directed to appear in person along with the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the Appellant on the next date of hearing.

Another opportunity is also given to the appellant to represent her case in person or through any of her representative on the next date of hearing positively with the advice to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information (which would be sent by the concerned PIO), in writing, to the respondent PIO through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

The case is **adjourned to 2nd September, 2019 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July,2019

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



Ms. Shruti, Advocate,
H. No. 82, Labour Colony,
Backside Scooter Market,
Gill Road, Ludhiana - 141003 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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. 1164 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Mankaran Singh, Junior Engineer (O & M Cell), Zone- C, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 05.12.2018 . First appeal is dated 04.02.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.03.2019.

The appellant, Ms. Shruti is not present in today's hearing. She has also not sent any intimation regarding her non-availability.

Sh. Mankaran Singh, Junior Engineer (O & M Cell), Zone- C, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 1026 dated 03.07.2019, showing that in response to the RTI request, available information has already been given to the appellant, Ms. Shruti and part information is available on the website of M. C., Ludhiana and some of the information is not available in the official record. It is taken on record.

As the reply of the respondent is not very clear, the respondent-PIO concerned is directed to file a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request before the next date of hearing. He is also advised to send a copy of that reply in advance to the appellant through registered post within five weeks from today and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

Another opportunity is also given to the appellant to represent her case in person or through any of her representative on the next date of hearing positively or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is **adjourned to 2nd September, 2019 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Jasbir Singh,
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
P. O. Ramgarh,
Distt. – Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Dina Nagar,
Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Dina Nagar,
Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1224 of 2019

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

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 19.12.2018. First appeal is dated 21.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.04.2019.

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

Neither the respondent PIO nor 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.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer of office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dina Nagar, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI appellant 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. A copy this order be sent to him through registered post.

The PIO/Respondent is directed to supply the complete information to the Appellant as per queries raised by him through his RTI request through registered post before the next date of hearing. The PIO concerned is also directed to appear in person along with the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the Appellant on the next date of hearing.

The appellant is advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information (which would be sent by the concerned PIO), in writing, to the respondent PIO through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

The case is **adjourned to 4th September,2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July,2019

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



(Regd. Post)

Harpal Singh Sodhi
S/o Sh. Dasondha Singh Sodhi,
H.No.15, Kalgidhar Enclave,
Baltana, Zirakpur,
District S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

.... Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Director,
Technical Education & Industrial
Training Department, Punjab,
Takniki Sikhiya Bhawan,
Sector-36 A, Chandigarh

Public Information Officer
O/o Principal Secretary to Govt. of Pb.
Department of Technical Education &
Industrial Training, Mini Sectt.
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

Complaint Case No. 540 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Rajinder Singh, Senior Assistant, Tech. Edu. – I Branch, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.05.2019 and Sh. Racchpal Singh, Senior Assistant, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO and submitted a copy of page of the Despatch Register of the concerned Section/Wing, which shows that the required information/reply was sent to the complainant through registered post. The Complainant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi, through a letter dated 29.05.2019 had requested for an adjournment in this case. Accordingly, The respondent PIO concerned was directed to send the required information again to the Complainant through registered post at his residential address and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission. Another opportunity was also given to the Complainant to represent this case in person or through his representative on the fixed date of hearing.

Sh. Rajinder Singh, Senior Assistant, Tech. Edu. – I Branch, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 1506006/1 dated 21.06.2019 signed by Superintendent-cum-PIO, Tech. Edu. – I Branch, showing that a reply has been sent to the complainant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi vide through registered post, appended to which is a copy of page of the Despatch Register of the concerned Section/Wing, which shows that the required information/reply has been sent to the complainant through registered post. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The Complainant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi, through a letter dated 08.07.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he has received reply vide letter no. 1506006/1 dated 21.06.2019 alongwith a copy of letter dated 18.02.2019 from the respondent PIO but no information has been supplied through that letter. It is taken on record.

Last opportunity is given to the complainant to represent this case in person or through his representative, on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case or the case would be decided on merits. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 3rd September, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July, 2019

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



Hardeep Singh S/o Sh.Wassan Singh
H. No. 35, Khatik Mandi, Ward No.1
Ferozepur Cantt. (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Engineer,
Central Works Division,
PWD (B&R), Ferozepur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer
Central Works Circle, PWD(B&R)
Ferozepur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3433 of 2018

Present : Sh. Hardeep Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Manpritam Singh, S. D. O., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.05.2019 and last opportunity was given to the respondent/PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post as per official record also directed to produce a copy of the postal receipt. The appellant is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied on receipt of information and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

Sh. Manpritam Singh, S. D. O., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Hardeep Singh vide letter no. 646 dated 29.03.2019. On that letter, the appellant has also put his signature as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information but a copy of the same could not be forwarded in office of the Commission for intimation. He also submits a reply dated Nil signed by Executive Engineer, Central Works Division, PWD (B&R), Ferozepur, intimating that he is unable today's hearing and also requested to waive off the penalty of Rs. 2500/- (Rupees Two Thousand and Five Hundred only), which was imposed upon PIO/Respondent of office of Executive Engineer, Central Works Division, PWD (B&R), Ferozepur orders dated 15.04.2019 as the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Hardeep Singh vide letter no. 646 dated 29.03.2019 (Copy is enclosed). On that letter, the appellant has also put his signature as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information. A written note dated 29.03.2019 signed by the appellant is also attached as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information, through which he claimed that he is satisfied with the information supplied and asked for filing of his case. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is also found that the appellant, Sh. Hardeep Singh through a letter dated 29.03.2019/04.06.2019, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 11074 dated 04.06.2019, has intimated the Commission that he has received the required information and asked for filing of his case. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Hardeep Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, also submits a written note dated 10.07.2019, stating that he has received the required information and asked for filing of his case. It is also taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant, Sh. Hardeep Singh vide letter no. 646 dated 29.03.2019 and the appellant has also given acknowledgement, in writing, of having received the requisite information but a copy of the same had not been forwarded by the respondent PIO concerned to the office of the Commission for intimation and vide orders dated 15.04.2019, passed by the Commission, a penalty of Rs. 2500/- was imposed upon PIO/Respondent of office of Executive Engineer, Central Works Division, PWD (B&R), Ferozepur.

As the information was supplied on 29.03.2019 by the respondent PIO and during the hearing, held on 15.04.2019, no intimation was received from the respondent side as well as appellant's side, intimating the Commission that the information had been received or not, which reflects that there is no malafide intention on the part of the respondent PIO concerned in causing the delay in supplying the requisite information to the information seeker.

Moreover, after having consent of the appellant to dispose of the case and after going through the oral submission made by Sh. Manpritam Singh, S. D. O. during the hearing and reconsidering the submission made by the respondent PIO, it is found that the explanation given by the respondent PIO is genuine and facts of the instant appeal case deserve reconsideration in the interest of justice. Taking a lenient view and having made the fair and judicious evaluation of the facts of the instant appeal case, it is found that the reasons given by the respondent PIO concerned is genuine and in this particular case, he (PIO concerned) has succeeded in convincing the Bench that there is no malafide intention on his part in causing the delay in supplying the requisite information to the information seeker as well as appearing before the Commission.

Hence, penalty imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 15.04.2019 is **waived off** and show cause issued is **dropped**.

In view of all the above, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Jasbir Singh,
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
P. O. Ramgarh,
Distt. – Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Batala,
Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Batala,
Distt. - Gurdaspur(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1226 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Narinder Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 19.12.2018. First appeal is dated 21.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 02.04.2019.

Sh. Narinder Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally states that he has brought the required information vide letter dated 08.07.2019 in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant. He submits a reply vide letter no. 3571 dated 08.07.2019 signed by Public Information Officer office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Batala, appended to which is a reply showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh vide letter no. 378 dated 15.01.2019. It, alongwith a copy of reply, is taken on record.

A copy of the same is also handed over to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today.

After going through the reply, given by the respondent, the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, expresses his dissatisfaction over the same as the reply given by the respondent is not specific.

As the reply of the respondent not found specific by the appellant, the respondent-PIO concerned is directed to file a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request as per official record by or on the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 4th September, 2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Bharat Bhushan Mattu
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Near Greenland School,
PO Netaji Nagar, Salem Tabri
Ludhiana-141008 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

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

....Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3431 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Ms. Manpreet Kaur, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.05.2019 and the appellant through a letter dated 10.05.2019, which was received in the Commission vide Diary No. 9701 dated 13.05.2019, has intimated the Commission that he has pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied to him, vide letter dated 01.05.2019 to the respondent PIO through registered post. As none was present on behalf of the PIO/Respondent nor any intimation was received regarding his non-availability, hence, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar.

The appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu, through a letter dated 24.06.2019, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 12027 dated 24.06.2019, has pointed out certain deficiencies, in the information supplied to him. It is taken on record.

Ms. Manpreet Kaur, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 5156 dated 09.07.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar, showing that a point wise reply has been sent to the appellant, Sh. Bharat Bhushan Mattu vide letter no. 11382 dated 05.09.2018 and again vide letter no. 2888 dated 12.04.2019, intimating that information at point no. 01 has been supplied, information at point no. 02 has also been supplied, part information at point no. 03 regarding Registration Certificates has been supplied but log-book for the period from 01.04.2018 to 09.07.2018 is not available in the official record and regarding information at point no. 04 it is intimated that Driving Licenses were to be issued within seven days under 'Right to Service Act' and on 17.07.2018 the Act was abrogated by the Government of Punjab. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The respondent PIO is directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post/in person at his residential address and produce a copy of the postal/acknowledgement receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the appellant to represent this case in person or through his representative, on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case or the case would be decided on merits. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 2nd September, 2019 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July,2019

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



Harpal Singh Sodhi

S/o Sh. Dasondha Singh Sodhi,
H.No.15, Kalgidhar Enclave,
Baltana, Zirakpur, District S.A.S. Nagar(Mohali)

...Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director,
Technical Education & Industrial
Training Department, Punjab,
Takniki Sikhiya Bhawan, Sector-36 A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 738 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Harpal Singh, Deputy Director, in person.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.05.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to send the reply to the Complainant through registered post at his residential address and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the fixed date of hearing. Another opportunity was also given to the Complainant to represent this case in person or through his representative on the fixed date of hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi, through a letter dated 08.07.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has pointed out certain deficiencies, in the information supplied to him, which have not been removed till date. It is taken on record.

Sh. Harpal Singh, Deputy Director, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, orally states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi as per official record through registered post but the postal receipt of the same could not be brought in the Commission. He also states he has brought the required information in the Commission also so that the same could be handed over to the appellant during the hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him in writing to the respondent PIO and the respondent is directed to remove the same by the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is also given to the complainant to represent this case in person or through his representative, on the next date of hearing positively or the case would be decided on merits. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 3rd September, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Harpal Singh Sodhi,
S/o Sh. Dasondha Singh
15, Kalgidhar Enclave,
Baltana Zirakpur, Distt. Mohali.

...Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab,
Sector – 36 A, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 162 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Harpal Singh, Deputy Director, in person.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 14.05.2019 and through a letter dated 12.05.2019, the complainant has pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO and Sh. Bhajan Singh Saini, Superintendent-cum-APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO, submitted a reply vide letter no. 1560 dated 14.05.2019, showing that in response to the RTI request, part information, after collecting the same from concerned branches (i. e. Administration – 1, Placement, Training, Planning, R.I.V.T. Badal and Machinery Branch) has already been supplied to the complainant vide letter no. 778 dated 26.04.2019 and also brought the same in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant. The respondent PIO concerned was directed to send the above mentioned reply to the complainant through registered post after removing the deficiencies at his residential address and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the fixed date of hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi, through a letter dated 08.07.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has pointed out certain deficiencies, in the information supplied to him, which have not been removed till date. It is taken on record.

Sh. Harpal Singh, Deputy Director, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, orally states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi as per official record through registered post but the postal receipt of the same could not be brought in the Commission. He also states he has brought the required information in the Commission also so that the same could be handed over to the appellant during the hearing.

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An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him in writing to the respondent PIO and the respondent is directed to remove the same by the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is also given to the complainant to represent this case in person or through his representative, on the next date of hearing or the case would be decided on merits.

The case is **adjourned to 3rd September, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July, 2019

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



Jagjit Singh,
S/o Sh. Hukam Singh
459 - A, Sector 61,
Chandigarh.

...Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o Additional Chief Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Department of Technical Education
and Industrial Training,
Sector – 9 A, Pb. Mini Sectt., Chandigarh.

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 150 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jagjit Singh, the complainant in person.
Sh. Rajinder Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Edu. – 1 Branch), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 14.05.2019 and the complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, orally stated that he has sent a counter-reply dated 08.05.2019 to the reply of the respondent and also handed over a copy of the same to the Sh. Rajinder Singh, Senior Assistant (representative of the respondent) during the hearing in the Commission and the respondent/PIO concerned was advised to file a rejoinder to the reply submitted by the Appellant. He was also advised to send the rejoinder to the appellant in advance with a copy to the Commission .

The complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has not received any reply in response to his letter dated 08.05.2019, a copy of which was handed to the Sh. Rajinder Singh, Senior Assistant (representative of the respondent) during the hearing in the Commission.

Sh. Rajinder Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, seeks an adjournment in this case.

As the respondent PIO has not sent any written-reply in response to the letter dated 08.05.2019 filed by the complainant, as ordered on 14.05.2019 till date. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the Respondent/ PIO.

In view of the above, **a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer of office of Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay 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. A copy this order be sent to him through registered post .

The case is **adjourned to 3rd September, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

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Dated : 10th July, 2019

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



Jaspal Singh S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh,
New Bedi Colony, Phase – II,
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...Appellant

V/s

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, Pb.,
Jiwandeep Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1222 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jaspal Singh, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Jagdish Singh, Clerk ;
ii) Sh. Surinder Singh, Junior Assistant ;
iii) Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 27.11.2018. First appeal is dated 21.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.03.2019.

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

Sh. Jagdish Singh, Clerk ; Sh. Surinder Singh, Junior Assistant and Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submit a reply vide letter no. 2232 dated 02.07.2019 signed by Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), showing that in response to the RTI request, a reply has been sent to the appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh vide letter no. 604 dated 03.12.2018 intimating him that as the information sought for by him is voluminous in nature, hence, he could inspect the relevant official record on any working day. It, alongwith a copy of reply, is taken on record.

The respondent PIO is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 02.08.2019 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the required information. Sh. Jagdish Singh, Clerk, would remain present during the inspection of the official record. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 02.08.2019 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

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

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

The case is **adjourned to 3rd September, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Jaspal Singh S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh,
New Bedi Colony, Phase – II,
Backside Bhagat Singh Colony,
Ferozpur City (152002) (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

i) **Public Information Officer,**
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Jiwandeep Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh

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

Encl : i) RTI Request
ii) Letter dated 02.11.2018

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Jiwandeep Building, Sector 17,
Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1221 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jaspal Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Gural Singh, APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 22.10.2018. First appeal is dated 16.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.03.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Gural Singh, APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a copy of letter no. 180718 dated 02.11.2018, showing that RTI request dated 22.10.2018 of the appellant has been transferred to office of PIO-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act. It is taken on record.

As the information sought for by the appellant through RTI request dated 22.10.2018 relates with office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, accordingly, PIO-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot be impleaded as a respondent party in this case and a copy of this order be sent to him through registered post alongwith RTI request and reply vide letter no. 180718 dated 02.11.2018 with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant 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 case is **adjourned to 3rd September, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Encl :



Sarabjeet Singh Gill,

H. No. 60-35-P-376-1, Street No. 08,
Maha Singh Nagar, P. O. – Dhandari Kalan,
Distt. - Ludhiana - 141014 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Chief Engineer,
P. W. D. (B & R), Head office,
Block - C, Nirman Bhawan, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Chief Engineer,
P. W. D. (B & R), Head office,
Block - C, Nirman Bhawan, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1165 of 2019

Present : Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Kuldip Chand, S. D. E. O/o P.W.D.(B&R), Sub-Divn., Ludhiana ;
ii) Sh. Sunil Kumar, S. D. O. O/o P.W.D.(B&R), Sub-Divn. – II, Jalandhar, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 26.12.2018. First appeal is dated 28.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 27.03.2019.

Sh. Kuldip Chand, S. D. E. office of P.W.D.(B&R), Sub-Divn., Ludhiana, who appeared in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 457 dated 08.07.2019, showing that in response to the RTI request, the available information/reply has already been given to the appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill.

Sh. Sunil Kumar, S. D. O. office of P.W.D.(B&R), Sub-Divn. – II, Jalandhar, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally states that he has brought the requisite information into the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant during the hearing. He also hands over the requisite information to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today.

After going through the supplied information, the appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh Gill, who appeared in person in today's hearing, through a letter dated 10.07.2019, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and satisfied with the information supplied 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.

Dated : 10th July, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Manjinder Singh,
2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125,
Kharar (Distt. – Mohali) - 140301 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Jiwandeep Building, Sector 17,
Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1176 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.
Ms. Manreet Kaur, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 01.01.2019. First appeal is dated 18.02.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 28.03.2019.

Ms. Manreet Kaur, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has received complete information from the respondent at point no. 02 and 03 of his RTI request but at point no. 01 and 04, whatever information has been given to him by the respondent is not clear.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to provide the remaining information to the appellant at point no. 01 regarding total number of new driving licenses and fitness certificates of the vehicles issued and at point no. 04 regarding number of applicants disqualified in driving test and number of vehicles declares as unfit, before the next date of hearing positively. The information to be supplied should be legible, duly attested and as per official record.

The case is **adjourned to 2nd September, 2019 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



Jaspal Singh

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Ferozepur City (152002) (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Jiwandeep Building, Sector 17,
Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1220 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jaspal Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate , on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 13.11.2018. First appeal is dated 26.11.2018. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 29.03.2019.

Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 1335 dated 21.06.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, showing that the information sought for by the appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh through his RTI request could not be supplied to him as it is 'third party' information. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO has also sent the abovementioned reply to the Commission, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 12546 dated 01.07.2019. It is also taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jaspal Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally pleads that the information sought through RTI request is not at all third party information.

After examining the RTI request, it emerges that information at point no. 02 and 03 is not third party information, hence, the respondent PIO is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 30.07.2019 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the required information. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 30.07.2019 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

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

The respondent-PIO is directed to supply the required information at point no. 02 and 03 of the RTI request, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 3rd September, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated : 10th July, 2019

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