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....Appellant

Sh. Manjit Singh, S/o Sh. Sohan Singh, # 388/3, Dhandholian Street, Baheda Road,

Patiala. **M: 7696282813** 

V/s.

**Public Information Officer.** 

**O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur.

**Public Information Officer.** 

The Motor Vehicle Inspector, **O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1691 of 2019** 

**Present**: The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh is present.

Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu, Assistant Transport Officer -cum- PIO is

present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 28.08.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On this the PIO, Sh. Gurcharan Singh states that the information has already been sent to the Appellant through registered post.

On asking about the information or the postal receipt to Sh. Gurcharan Singh, on which he was unable to produce any document during the proceedings of the Court.

After hearing both the parties, the Respondent/ PIO is given a final opportunity and he is directed to supply complete information to the Appellant, by registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which the penalty will be imposed on to the PIO. 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 go through the requisite information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 04.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 10.12.2019

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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**Sh. Manjit Singh, S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,** # 388/3, Dhandholian Street, Baheda Road,

Patiala. M: 7696282813 .....Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer**,

**O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala.

**Public Information Officer**,

The Motor Vehicle Inspector, Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab) **At O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1690 of 2019

**Present**: The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh is present.

Sh. Sher Singh, Junior Assistant from O/o MVI is present on behalf of the

Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 28.08.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On this the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Sher Singh orally states that they had written a letter to the Appellant regarding depositing the assessed fees for the requisite information. But it is found that the letter which was written to the Appellant regarding assessed fees against the information was after 30 days of the RTI Application dated 12.02.2019.

Sh. Sher Singh further requests to the Court that as the information is voluminous so the Appellant could come to the concerned office and collect the required documents.

After hearing both the parties, the Respondent/ PIO is given an opportunity and he is directed to supply information to the Appellant 'free of cost'. In view of above, the Appellant is advised to visit the concerned office for inspection of records on 13.12.2019 at 11.00 A.M. After inspection he can collect the specific record as he desired through his RTI Application. The concerned PIO, officials and Sh. Sher Singh, Junior Assistant are directed to be present there on the decided date and time to facilitate the Appellant for inspection of records. If the Appellant doesn't visit for inspection at the above said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the requisite information anymore and the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The Respondent/PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 04.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

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Sh. Manjit Singh, S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,

#388/3, Dhandholian Street, Baheda Road,

Patiala. **M:** 7696282813 ....Appellant V/s.

**Public Information Officer.** 

**O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala.

**Public Information Officer.** 

The Motor Vehicle Inspector, Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab) **At O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

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

...Respondents

<u>Appeal Case No. 1689 of 2019</u>

<u>Present</u>: The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh is present.

Sh. Sher Singh, Junior Assistant from O/o MVI is present on behalf of the

Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 28.08.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

On this the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Sher Singh requests to the Court that as the information is voluminous in nature so the Appellant could come to the concerned office and collect the required documents.

After hearing both the parties, the Respondent/ PIO is given an opportunity and he is directed to supply information to the Appellant 'free of cost'. In view of above, the Appellant is advised to visit the concerned office for inspection of records on 13.12.2019 at 11.00 A.M. After inspection he can collect the specific record as he desired through his RTI Application. The concerned PIO, officials and Sh. Sher Singh, Junior Assistant are directed to be present there on the decided date and time to facilitate the Appellant for inspection of records. If the Appellant doesn't visit for inspection at the above said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the requisite information anymore and the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The Respondent/PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 04.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

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Sh. Manjit Singh, S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,

# 388/3, Dhandholian Street, Baheda Road,

Patiala, M: 7696282813

....Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (By Name)

**O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1692 of 2019

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh is present.

None is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was heard on 28.08.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing and a show cause was also issued to the PIO.

V/s.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

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

Commission takes a very serious view of this casual approach, as despite of show cause the PIO is still absent today.

In view of all the above and finding guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala which is to be deposited into the Treasury and a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

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

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services

Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts

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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

Further, the PIO is directed to appear in person along with the requisite information and for clearing the facts of this case. The Appellant is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing positively failing which the case will be decided on merits.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 04.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties through registered post.

Sd/-

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State Information Commissioner
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Patiala. M: 7696282813

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (By Name)

**O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda.

Encl. RTI APPLICATION

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (By Name)

O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Maur.

Encl. RTI APPLICATION

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

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

... Respondents

....Appellant

The Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh is present. Present:

None is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 30.09.2019 in which the Respondent/ PIO was directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant.

Appeal Case No. 62 of 2019

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

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

Last and final opportunity is given to both the Respondent/PIO's, O/o The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Maur and PIO O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda to appear in person along with the requisite information and with a postal receipt through which the information has been sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing. PIO's are further directed to go through the previous orders dated 30.09.2019, 24.07.2019 and 28.05.2019 and comply the same before the next date of hearing, failing which a strict action would be taken against the concerned PIO as per RTI Act, 2005. A copy of the RTI request be sent to both the PIO's by name through registered post along with this order.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 04.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

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Sd/-

(Sanjiv Garg) **State Information Commissioner** 

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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,

Ward Number 18, Street Number 02, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna – 141401, District – Ludhiana (Pb).

....Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

**O/o** The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Pb)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government Punjab, Ferozpur Road, Ludhiana.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2331 of 2019

**Present**: The Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh is present.

Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 30.09.2019 in which the Respondent/ PIO was directed to facilitate the Appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 18.10.2019

V/s.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date. He further states that he visited the concerned office on 18.10.2019 at 02.58 P.M. and mutually time was decided between both the parties for 03.00 P.M. but the department came in the concerned office on 03.07 P.M. Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that at that time and place, during inspection the Municipal Engineer, Sh. Kulwinder Singh was present and he did not sign those collected samples. Commission takes a very serious view of this as it is observed that in another cases like AC: 3069 of 2019, AC 3070 of 2019 etcetera the Executive Officer, Sh. Ranbir Singh submits a copy of letter vide endorsement number 1818 dated 27.11.2019 in which he mentions about the Section 5 (5) of the RTI Act, 2005, in which it is written that:-

"Any officer, whose assistance has been sought under sub-section (4), shall render all assistance to the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, seeking his or her assistance and for the purposes of any contravention of the provisions of this Act, such other officer shall be treated as a Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be."

From above mentioned Section it is clear that the Sh. Kulwinder Singh can also sign on those samples which were collected during the inspection. Today, Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer requested for a final opportunity and further assures that it will be his responsibility and he will personally look into this and further supply the samples / information related to the concerned RTI Application. He further requests for a date.

## Appeal Case No. 2331 of 2019

Dated: 10.12.2019



Last and final opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant, failing which penalty will be imposed on the PIO.

In view of above, the Appellant is advised to visit the concerned office for inspection of records on 17.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M. After inspection he can collect the specific record as he desired through his RTI Application. The concerned PIO, officials and Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer (who took full responsibility of this) are directed to be present there on the decided date and time to facilitate the Appellant for inspection of records. If the Appellant doesn't visit for inspection at the above said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the requisite information anymore and the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The Respondent/PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 03.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

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Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,

Ward Number 18, Street Number 02, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna – 141401, District – Ludhiana (Pb).

....Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

**O/o** The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Pb)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government Punjab, Ferozpur Road, Ludhiana.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2328 of 2019

**Present**: The Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh is present.

Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 30.09.2019 in which the Respondent/ PIO was directed to facilitate the Appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 18.10.2019

V/s.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date. He further states that he visited the concerned office on 18.10.2019 at 02.58 P.M. and mutually time was decided between both the parties for 03.00 P.M. but the department came in the concerned office on 03.07 P.M. Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that at that time and place, during inspection the Municipal Engineer, Sh. Kulwinder Singh was present and he did not sign those collected samples. Commission takes a very serious view of this as it is observed that in another cases like AC: 3069 of 2019, AC 3070 of 2019 etcetera the Executive Officer, Sh. Ranbir Singh submits a copy of letter vide endorsement number 1818 dated 27.11.2019 in which he mentions about the Section 5 (5) of the RTI Act, 2005, in which it is written that:-

"Any officer, whose assistance has been sought under sub-section (4), shall render all assistance to the Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be, seeking his or her assistance and for the purposes of any contravention of the provisions of this Act, such other officer shall be treated as a Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer, as the case may be."

From above mentioned Section it is clear that the Sh. Kulwinder Singh can also sign on those samples which were collected during the inspection. Today, Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer requested for a final opportunity and further assures that it will be his responsibility and he will personally look into this and further supply the samples / information related to the concerned RTI Application. He further requests for a date.

## Appeal Case No. 2328 of 2019

Dated: 10.12.2019



Last and final opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant, failing which penalty will be imposed on the PIO.

In view of above, the Appellant is advised to visit the concerned office for inspection of records on 17.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M. After inspection he can collect the specific record as he desired through his RTI Application. The concerned PIO, officials and Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer (who took full responsibility of this) are directed to be present there on the decided date and time to facilitate the Appellant for inspection of records. If the Appellant doesn't visit for inspection at the above said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the requisite information anymore and the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The Respondent/PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 03.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

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....Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

**O/o** The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Pb)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government Punjab, Ferozpur Road, Ludhiana.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2327 of 2019

**Present**: The Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh is present.

Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 30.09.2019 in which the Respondent/ PIO was directed to facilitate the Appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 18.10.2019

V/s.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date. He further states that he visited the concerned office on 18.10.2019 at 02.58 P.M. and mutually time was decided between both the parties for 03.00 P.M. but the department came in the concerned office on 03.07 P.M. Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that at that time and place, during inspection the Municipal Engineer, Sh. Kulwinder Singh was present and he did not sign those collected samples. Commission takes a very serious view of this as it is observed that in another cases like AC: 3069 of 2019, AC 3070 of 2019 etcetera the Executive Officer, Sh. Ranbir Singh submits a copy of letter vide endorsement number 1818 dated 27.11.2019 in which he mentions about the Section 5 (5) of the RTI Act, 2005, in which it is written that:-

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From above mentioned Section it is clear that the Sh. Kulwinder Singh can also sign on those samples which were collected during the inspection. Today, Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer requested for a final opportunity and further assures that it will be his responsibility and he will personally look into this and further supply the samples / information related to the concerned RTI Application. He further requests for a date.

## Appeal Case No. 2327 of 2019

Dated: 10.12.2019



Last and final opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant, failing which penalty will be imposed on the PIO.

In view of above, the Appellant is advised to visit the concerned office for inspection of records on 17.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M. After inspection he can collect the specific record as he desired through his RTI Application. The concerned PIO, officials and Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer (who took full responsibility of this) are directed to be present there on the decided date and time to facilitate the Appellant for inspection of records. If the Appellant doesn't visit for inspection at the above said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the requisite information anymore and the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The Respondent/PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 03.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

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....Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

**O/o** The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Pb)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government Punjab, Ferozpur Road, Ludhiana.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2326 of 2019

**Present**: The Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh is present.

Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 30.09.2019 in which the Respondent/ PIO was directed to facilitate the Appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 18.10.2019

V/s.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date. He further states that he visited the concerned office on 18.10.2019 at 02.58 P.M. and mutually time was decided between both the parties for 03.00 P.M. but the department came in the concerned office on 03.07 P.M. Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that at that time and place, during inspection the Municipal Engineer, Sh. Kulwinder Singh was present and he did not sign those collected samples. Commission takes a very serious view of this as it is observed that in another cases like AC: 3069 of 2019, AC 3070 of 2019 etcetera the Executive Officer, Sh. Ranbir Singh submits a copy of letter vide endorsement number 1818 dated 27.11.2019 in which he mentions about the Section 5 (5) of the RTI Act, 2005, in which it is written that:-

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From above mentioned Section it is clear that the Sh. Kulwinder Singh can also sign on those samples which were collected during the inspection. Today, Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer requested for a final opportunity and further assures that it will be his responsibility and he will personally look into this and further supply the samples / information related to the concerned RTI Application. He further requests for a date.

## Appeal Case No. 2326 of 2019



Last and final opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant, failing which penalty will be imposed on the PIO.

In view of above, the Appellant is advised to visit the concerned office for inspection of records on 17.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M. After inspection he can collect the specific record as he desired through his RTI Application. The concerned PIO, officials and Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer (who took full responsibility of this) are directed to be present there on the decided date and time to facilitate the Appellant for inspection of records. If the Appellant doesn't visit for inspection at the above said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the requisite information anymore and the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The Respondent/PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 03.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

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Sd/-

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....Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

**O/o** The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Amloh Road, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana (Pb)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government Punjab, Ferozpur Road, Ludhiana.

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2332 of 2019

**Present**: The Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh is present.

Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 30.09.2019 in which the Respondent/ PIO was directed to facilitate the Appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 18.10.2019

V/s.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that no information has been supplied to him till date. He further states that he visited the concerned office on 18.10.2019 at 02.58 P.M. and mutually time was decided between both the parties for 03.00 P.M. but the department came in the concerned office on 03.07 P.M. Sh. Ramandeep Singh states that at that time and place, during inspection the Municipal Engineer, Sh. Kulwinder Singh was present but he did not show any documents relating to pending information i.e. point number 02 of RTI Application.

Today, Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer requested for a final opportunity and further assures that it will be his responsibility and he will personally look into this and further supply the samples / information related to the concerned RTI Application. He further requests for a date. Last and final opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant, failing which penalty will be imposed on the PIO.

In view of above, the Appellant is advised to visit the concerned office for inspection of records on 17.01.2020 at 11.00 A.M. After inspection he can collect the specific record as he desired through his RTI Application. The concerned PIO, officials and Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer (who took full responsibility of this) are directed to be present there on the decided date and time to facilitate the Appellant for inspection of records. If the Appellant doesn't visit for inspection at the above said date and time then it will be presumed that the Appellant is satisfied and he doesn't require the requisite information anymore and the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

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Last and final opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant, failing which penalty will be imposed on the PIO.

The Respondent/PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 03.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties through registered post.

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner

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Ms. Gursimran Kaur

W/o Sh. Rajinder Singh #836, MIG Jamalpur Colony Ludhiana (Punjab)

....Complainant

V/s

**Public Information Officer.** 

O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur (Punjab)

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 01 of 2019

None on behalf of the Complainant. Present:

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk is present on behalf of the Respondent/ PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 30.09.2019 in which the Respondent/ PIO was advised to send the requisite information (which had already been sent) to the Complainant, before the next date of hearing. Further, the Complainant was also advised to confirm whether she had received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Sukhjinder Singh states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the Complainant. He further submits a copy of letter vide endorsement number 1118 dated 23.09.2019 on which copy of postal receipt dated 01.10.2019 is attached, to the Court, which is taken on record.

The Complainant is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through the case file, it is observed that on the previous hearing, and opportunity was given to the Complainant and she was advised to confirm whether she had received the information or not but still no intimation has been received by the Complainant relating to information neither relating to today's hearing.

In view of above, it is presumed that the Complainant is satisfied with the supplied information and no further intervention is required in this case.

This case is disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

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

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Sh. Jasbir Singh,

Village Bholapur Jhabewal, Post Office Ramgarh, District - Ludhiana - 123455 (Punjab)

... Appellant

**Public Information Officer**,

**O/o** The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh -160017

First Appellant Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

Sector 17, Chandigarh -160017

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 644 of 2019

V/s

**Present**: Sh. Jasbir Singh is absent.

Sh. Piara Singh, PIO is present.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 07.10.2019 with the advised to the Appellant to confirm that whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

The representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Piara Singh states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant as discussed in the previous orders dated 07.10.2019 and the information has also been supplied to the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh through email dated 09.12.2019. He further submits a letter vide endorsement number 34694 dated 09.12.2019 along with letter vide endorsement number 34700 dated 09.12.2019 to the Court, which is taken on record.

After going through the case file, it is observed that on the previous hearing, an opportunity was given to the Appellant and he was advised to confirm whether he had received the information or not but still no intimation has been received by the Appellant relating to information neither relating to today's hearing.

In view of above, it is presumed that the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information and no further intervention is required in this case.

This case is disposed of and closed.

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**Sh. Jasbir Singh** S/o Sh. Gurbax Singh Vill. Bholapur Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana-141008 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,** 

**O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur (Punjab)

**Public Information Officer.** 

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

First Appellate Authority,

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3534 of 2018

Present: Sh. Jasbir Singh is absent.

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk is present on behalf of the Respondent/ PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 07.10.2019 in which last opportunity was given to the Appellant to confirm that whether he has received the information or not.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

The representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Sukhjinder Singh states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant as discussed in the previous orders dated 07.10.2019. He further submits a letter vide endorsement number 1119 dated 23.09.2019 to the Court, which is taken on record.

After going through the case file, it is observed that on the previous hearing, last opportunity was given to the Appellant and he was advised to confirm whether he had received the information or not but still no intimation has been received by the Appellant relating to information neither relating to today's hearing.

In view of above, it is presumed that the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information and no further intervention is required in this case.

This case is disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Jagtar Singh

S/o Sh. Dalip Singh, Ward No 1, Street No 2, Bagha Patti, Moga (Punjab)

....Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer, O/o** The Director, State Transport, Punjab,

Sector 17, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 683 of 2018

**Present**: None on behalf of the Complainant.

Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, Superintendent -cum - PIO along with Ms. Rajni Dhiwan,

Senior Assistant is present on behalf of the Respondent/ PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 07.10.2019 with the advise to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Complainant, Sh. Jagtar Singh before the next date of hearing. Also on the other hand the Complainant was also advised to confirm whether he has received the remaining information or not.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Jagtar Singh is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

The representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Ms. Rajni states that the information has already been supplied to the Complainant. She further states that they have brought the information related to the Punjab Roadways, Nangal depot for the Complainant in the Court but he is absent today. She further hands over the copy of documents vide endorsement number 14987-90 dated 17.10.2018 along with other documents to the Court, which is taken on record.

After going through the case file, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO is advised to supply the remaining information to the Complainant positively through registered post before the next date of hearing, failing which an action would be taken against the PIO on the next date of hearing. The PIO concerned is also advised to appear in person along with the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the Complainant, on the next date of hearing.

Last opportunity is given to the Complainant and he is advised to go through the requisite information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Complainant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 04.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-

(Sanjiv Garg)
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Sh. Rajesh Giri

Opp. Tanki No. 02, Street - 10, Ward - 22, Basant Nagar, Khanna, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

V/s

...Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, (By Name)

O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Regional Deputy Director,

Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 1461 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the Appellant.

None is present on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 07.10.2019, with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the remaining information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

The Appellant, Sh. Rajesh Giri is absent in today's hearing but an email dated 09.12.2019 has been received in the Commission vide which it has been written that he had visited the concerned office for collecting the remaining information and at the office Sh. Ashwani Kumar was there, who promised the Appellant to furnish the information within two days but still Sh. Rajesh Giri didn't receive any information. Further the Appellant requested for an exemption from today's hearing as he wouldn't be able to appear in today's hearing.

Neither the Respondent/PIO nor any of his representatives 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 concerned of office of The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Khanna (Distt. Ludhiana) 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. PIO is also directed to go through the previous order dated 07.10.2019 and comply the same positively. A copy of this order (i.e. dated 10.12.2019) be sent to him through 1/2 registered post.

# **Appeal Case No. 1461 of 2019**



Last opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by the respondent) 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 next date of hearing which is fixed for 04.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

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Dated: 10.12.2019

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**Sh. Harbans Singh Bhatti** 

General Manager, Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Qila Rehmatgarh, Malerkotla, Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Chairman
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation,
Head Office, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The Chairman
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation,
Head Office, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1447 of 2019

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Harbans Singh is absent.

Sh. Narinder Kumar, Senior Assistant is present on behalf of the Respondent/ PIO.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 07.10.2019 in which an opportunity is given to the Appellant, Sh. Harbans Singh to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

V/s

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Narinder Singh states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant. He further submits a cover letter vide number 6119 dated 30.09.2019 along with a copy of postal receipt dated 30.09.2019 vide which the information has been sent to the Appellant, copy of both are taken on record.

The Appellant, Sh. Harbans Singh is again absent today without any intimation to the Commission.

After going through the case file, it is observed that on the previous hearing, an opportunity was given to the Appellant and he was advised to confirm whether he had received the information or not but still no intimation has been received by the Appellant relating to information neither relating to today's hearing.

In view of above, it is presumed that the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information and no further intervention is required in this case.

This case is disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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Sh. Manjinder Singh

H. No. 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Kharar,

Distt. - Mohali - 140301 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

**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

# **Appeal Case No. 1448 of 2019**

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh is present.

Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu, Assistant Transfer Officer -cum - PIO

is present.

## **ORDER**

This case was last heard on 07.10.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO handed over the information to the Appellant during the proceedings of the Court. He further submits a letter number 6815 dated 09.12.2019 along with another letter number 6355-56 dated 04.10.2019 to the Court, which is taken on record.

On this, the Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh shows his satisfaction and an acknowledgement receipt dated 10.12.2019 of the same is taken on record.

In view of above, as the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information. So, no further intervention is required in this case.

# This case is disposed of and closed.

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Distt. - Mohali - 140301 (Punjab)

...Appellant

**Public Information Officer**,

**O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozeprur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1449 of 2019** 

V/s

**Present**: The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh is present.

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk is present on behalf of the Respondent/ PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 07.10.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Sukhjinder Singh handed over the information to the Appellant during the proceedings of the Court. He further submits several documents relating to the information to the Court, which is taken on record.

After going through supplied information, the Appellant states that the information relating to point number 04 is still pending.

After discussing with both the parties, the Respondent/ PIO is directed to supply the requisite information i.e. Copies of the Cash Book relating to point number 04 to the Appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing positively, failing which a strict action would be taken against the PIO. The Respondent/ PIO concerned is also directed to appear in person or through any of his representative 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 go through the requisite information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 04.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 10.12.2019

Sd/-

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Sh. Manjinder Singh

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V/s

...Appellant

**Public Information Officer**,

**O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1450 of 2019

Present: The Appellant, Sh. Maniinder Singh is present

The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh is present. None is present on behalf of Respondent/ PIO.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 07.10.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Respondent/ PIO is absent.

The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh states that he is satisfied with the supplied information and an acknowledgement receipt dated 10.12.2019 of the same is taken on record.

In view of above, as the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information. So, no further intervention is required in this case.

## This case is disposed of and closed.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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...Respondents

...Appellant

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Distt. - Mohali - 140301 (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

**O/o** The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Tarn Taran (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority,

Amritsar (Punjab) (ENCL. RTI Application)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,

Sector 17, Chandigarh

**Appeal Case No. 1451 of 2019** 

**Present**: The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh is present.

None is present on behalf of Respondent/ PIO.

**ORDER** 

Dated: 10.12.2019

This case was last heard on 07.10.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

V/s

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

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

It is observed that in the previous orders dated 07.10.2019 it was discussed "the appellant is addressed to Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Tarn Taran and as Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar is holding the charge of office of Regional Transport Authority, Tarn Taran, hence, a copy of the order was sent to Secretary office of Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar 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 through his RTI request." But somehow the copy to The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar was not sent in the previous order due to clerical mistake.

In view of above the PIO O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar is directed is to supply the requisite information to the Appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing positively, failing which a strict action would be taken against the PIO. The Respondent/ PIO concerned is also directed to appear in person or through any of his representative 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 go through the requisite information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing. The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 04.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties through registered post along with RTI Application.

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Ms. Harleen Kaur,

H. No.79,

Near Kalgidhar Market, Ropar -141001(Punjab)

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,

O/o The Director, Public Instructions(Sec.), P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Director, Public Instructions(Sec.), P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

....Appellant

Appeal Case No. 2356 of 2018

**Present**: The Appellant, Ms. Harleen Kaur is present.

Ms. Jyoti Chawla, Assistant Director -cum- PIO along with

Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Junior Assistant is present on behalf of Respondent/ PIO.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 07.10.2019 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to deposit the compensation amount Rs. 2000/- to the Appellant.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Ms. Harleen Kaur is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

The PIO, Ms. Jyoti Chawla requests that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant in the Court of Hon'ble SIC, Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla and further requests the Court to waive off the compensation.

On further going through the facts of this case, it is observed that the compensation amount was awarded to the Appellant, vide orders dated 28.01.2019 and in those orders in the point number 03 it is clearly written that:

"After hearing appellant and on going through the documents placed on record, I am of the view that <u>due to evasive attitude and irresponsible behavior of the respondent PIO concerned</u>, the appellant has suffered a lot of detriments for not getting the requisite information, and hence, I am of the view that compensation be awarded to the appellant, Ms. Harleen Kaur."

From the above it is clear that why the compensation has been awarded to the Appellant and the Respondent/ PIO is directed to pay the compensation amount in the name of the Appellant, Ms. Harleen Kaur. The compensation amount must be paid by the respondent PIO concerned through cheque or demand draft in favor of Ms. Harleen Kaur from the account of Public Authority and not from the individual's account. If the compensation amount is still not deposited or due to any reasons, the penalty which was waived off earlier will be imposed again on to the PIO. It is also observed that the PIO is not depositing the compensation and just lingering on the case on to the next dates. PIO should appear with the cheque or with the demand draft on the next date of hearing positively.

Both the parties are directed to appear on the next date of hearing positively.

The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 04.02.2020 at 11.00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties through registered post along with RTI Application.

Sd/-(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner, Punjab