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**Sh. Amrik Singh(9780471515)**

D4, Ambedkar Society,  
Sector 76,  
Mohali.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o State Tpt. Commissioner Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 3833 of 2021**

**Hearing through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present: (i) Sh. Amrik Singh - appellant**

**(ii) For the respondent: Absent**

**ORDER**

1. The RTI application is dated 22.1.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 15.3.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.8.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 11.5.2022 i.e. today
2. In today's hearing, the appellant is present and respondent is absent. Sh. Amrit Singh, appellant requests the court for directions to the respondent to supply the sought for information as per his RTI application as sufficient time has gone in vain.
3. In view of absence of respondent in spite of registered notice of the Commission, the court grant one more opportunity to the respondent department to be present next time. The department is also directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant under intimation to the Commission within seven days after receipt of this order, failing which stern action will be initiated against him.
4. The appellant is also advised to point out deficiencies on receipt of information within 7 days after receipt of the information under intimation to the Commission.
5. To come up on **18.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.  
**(Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).**

**Dated: 11.05.2022 (11:00 A.M.)**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

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**Sh. Manjit Singh (8427498620)**

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

Appellant

Versus

**Show-Cause**

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o Director, State Transport  
Pb, Sector 17, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Director, State Transport  
Pb, Chandigarh

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 2547 of 2021**  
**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant  
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

1. Refer earlier order dated: 10.11.2021 where the appellant was present and nobody was present on behalf of the respondent. The court granted another opportunity to the respondent department to represent the case on the next date of hearing along with directions to supply the information within ten days after receipt of this order. The case was adjourned to 11.5.2022.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but no one is present on behalf of the respondent department in spite of knowing date & time of the hearing.
3. The appellant states that he has received incomplete information and pleads the court for suitable directions so that he may be able to get information.
4. In view of non-seriousness of the respondent department, **respondent PIO, O/o Director, State Transport Pb, Sector 17, Chandigarh is directed to show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

5. To come up on **17.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.  
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**Sh. Jasbir Singh (9888296107)**

**Guru Nanak Nagar,**

**Village Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh,**

**Distt. Ludhiana 141123.**

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

**O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,**

**Sangrur**

**First Appellate Authority**

**O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,**

**Sangrur**

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 3215 of 2021**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present: Appellant- Sh. Jasbir Singh**

**Respondent: Absent.**

**ORDER:**

1. Refer to earlier order dated: 15.3.2022 the respondent was absent and Sh. Ravinder Sharma (Clerk) was intimated regarding the directions to supply the complete information within one week after receipt of the order along with directions to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively. The case was adjourned to 11.5.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur is directed to show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte.

5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **13.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Dated: 11.05.2022 (11:00 A.M.)**

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**Sh. Pankaj Kumar s/o(9988241285)**

Sh. Nabh Singh, MCB Zone-6,  
H.No.3225, Gali No.1-B,  
Sukhpeer Road, Bathinda-151301.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o M.C., Bathinda

**Sh. Lakhbir Trikha (DCFA-cum-PIO)**

O/o M.C., Bathinda

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Commissioner, M.C., Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 2796 of 2021**

**Heard through CISCO Webex**

**Present:**

Appellant: Sh. Sanjiv Goyal on behalf of appellant

Respondent – Sh. Gurinder Singh (SFO) (9780032728).

**ORDER**

1. Refer to earlier order dated: 8.3.2022 wherein the respondent PIOs were advised to supply the information within ten days after receipt of this order as per RTI application. Appellant was advised to point out deficiency specifically within seven days after receipt of the information under intimation to the Commission. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **11.05.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application.**
2. In today's hearing both appellant and respondents are present. The respondent states that information relates with his branch had already been supplied to the appellant 15.04.2022 but representative of the appellant expresses his dissatisfaction.
3. In view of above, the court advises to the appellant for inspection of record. The date for inspection may be decided mutually. The respondent is directed to showcase the official record as per RTI application and provide the information on pointing out the same to the appellant without fail.
4. The appellant is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, specifically before the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing i.e. **13.09.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application** positively, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.

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Appellant

**Sh. Jasbir Singh** (9888296107)  
Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Vill. Bolapur, Jhabawal, PO Ramgarh  
District Ludhiana 141123.

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/O State Transport Commissioner,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/O State Transport Commissioner,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 1545 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gurbax Singh (APIO).

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with earlier order dated: 28.04.2022 vide which respondent, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur stated that a reply, which is received from the concerned branch has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 7508 dated 28.04.2022 through which he was intimated that ਇਸ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਮਾਮਲਾ ਵਿੱਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਨਾਲ ਟੇਕਆਪ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ | She added that similar matter (appeal case No.1877 of 2021) is pending before the undersigned Bench on 11.05.2022. Appellant expressed his dissatisfaction and requested the Commission to intervene the matter for supplying the requisite information.

It was observed that supplied reply is not satisfactory. Respondent PIO was directed to represent this case along with concerned person from the concerned branch to clear the facts of this case. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 11.05.2022 i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
3. After examining the case file, it is observed that on the previous hearing held on 28.04.2022 respondent PIO was to appear in person along with concerned person from the concerned branch to clear the facts of this case but neither PIO nor concerned person from the concerned branch appeared, which leads to wastage of precious time and resources of the Commission. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case
4. Adjournment for today was given as respondent, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur intimated the Commission on the previous hearing (28.04.2022) that another Appeal case 1877 of 2021 is fixed for today and matter is similar but she did not bother to represent both the cases today.
5. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously as it also affects hearing and disposal of the case. **A final opportunity is awarded to respondent PIO, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur to appear in person on the next date of hearing along with concerned person from the concerned branch to clear the facts of this case at PSIC Office, Chandigarh, failing which stern action will be initiated against her as per RTI Act, 2005. A copy of this order be sent to her by name through registered post for her ready reference.**

**Appeal Case No.: 1545 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

6. Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing through CISCO WEBEX (meeting number 1582933632) or at PSIC Office, Chandigarh
7. To come up on **27.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 11.05.2022 (11:00 A.M.)**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**

**(Regd. Post)**      **Ms. Kulwinder Kaur (PIO)**  
O/O State Transport Commissioner,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh