

Bhinder Singh S/o Sh. Basant Singh,
V. P. O. – Kupp Kalan,
Tehsil – Malerkotla,
Distt. – Sangrur - 148019 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The General Manager,
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation
(P. R. T. C.), Nabha Road, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The General Manager,
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation
(P. R. T. C.), Nabha Road, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2526 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Narender Kumar, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and Sh. Jagtar Singh appeared on behalf of the appellant and stated that the appellant has not received the information in connection with point no. 03 of the RTI request. Accordingly, another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information in connection with point no. 03 of the RTI request to the appellant and an opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the remaining information or not.

Sh. Narender Kumar, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the PIO in today's hearing, states that he has brought the remaining information, in connection with point no. 03 of the RTI request, vide letter no. 9339 dated 10.01.2020 in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant, Sh. Bhinder Singh during the hearing. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Bhinder Singh, is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission.

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

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

The case is **adjourned to 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 13th January, 2020

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

Gurmej Lal,

H. No. 6375, Street – 16,
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,
Backside Bachan Agency,
Near Mair Di Chakki,
P. O. – Daba, 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. 2584 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information as per queries raised by the appellant through RTI request 'free of cost' through registered post and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO and to represent this case in person or through his representative.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 370 dated 02.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Town Planner, Zone – D, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 23344 dated 04.12.2019, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal vide letter no. 369 dated 02.12.2019 through registered post. It, alongwith annexure with copy of postal receipt, is taken on record.

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After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the appellant, Sh. Gurmej Lal through a letter dated 13.01.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far as he has never received information from Zone - B of M. C., Ludhiana. It is taken on record.

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

A copy of this order be sent through registered post to Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, with the advice to ensure presence of any of official of office of Zone-B as a representative to represent this case on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case.

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

The case is **adjourned to 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

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Date : 13th January, 2020

(Regd. Post)

**The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana (Punjab)**

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

Manjinder Singh,
2459, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. – Mohali - 140301 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2636 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and the appellant stated that he has not received the information in connection with point no. 01 and 2 of the RTI request. Accordingly, another opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the remaining information in connection with point no. 01 and 2 of the RTI request to the appellant and an opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the remaining information or not.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that information in connection with point no. 01 and 2 of the RTI request is still pending.

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

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur, 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. **A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.**

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information at point no. 01 and 2 of the RTI request 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.

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

The case is **adjourned to 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

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Date : 13th January, 2020

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

Jasbir Singh,
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
P. O. Ramgarh,
Distt. – Ludhiana - 123455 (Punjab)

...Appellant

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2528 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 2486 dated 10.01.2020 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is not able to attend hearing due to duty at SriMuktsar Sahib at 'Maghi Mela' and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 458 dated 22.03.2019 signed by Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, had demanded the required fee from the appellant for 689 vehicles and the appellant has deposited only Rs. 100/- through an Indian Postal Order. It is placed in the case-file.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the RTI request dated 11.03.2019, has been sent by the appellant through registered post on 12.03.2019 and the respondent PIO has demanded the required fee from the appellant vide letter no. 458 dated 22.03.2019, which is within the stipulated time as per rules of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Accordingly, an opportunity is given to the appellant to deposit the remaining fee amounting to Rs. 1278/- (i. e. for vehicles 689 (in number) x Rs. 02 (per page = 1378) Rs. 1378 - 100 = 1278/- in the office of the respondent PIO concerned to get the required information, by the next date of hearing.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information to the appellant only after collecting the remaining fee from him. **A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post .**

The appellant is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing o the case would be decided on merits.

The case is **adjourned to 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 13th January, 2020

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

Jasbir Singh,
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
P. O. Ramgarh,
Distt. – Ludhiana - 123455 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2530 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.11.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar, under the provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant, Jasbir Singh through a letter dated 15.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 24224 dated 17.12.2019, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that his RTI request is dated 25.03.2019 and vide letter no. 5190 dated 18.11.2019 i. e. after six months, the respondent PIO has called him to inspect the official record, moreover, he is unable to visit the office of the respondent to inspect the official record. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 46 dated 10.01.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that vide letter dated 18.11.2019 the appellant was called to inspect the official record, but the appellant has shown his availability to inspect the record. It is taken on record.

As directions were given to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date despite the fact that directions were given vide orders dated 20.11.2019 to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post.

For holding guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar.

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

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

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

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post 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 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 13th January, 2020

**(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 Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozepur(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2532 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1345 dated 14.11.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh vide letter no. 288 dated 09.05.2019. As the appellant was not present, an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies in the information supplied, in writing, to the respondent PIO and to represent this case in person or through his representative.

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 respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1345 dated 14.11.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur, which was received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh vide letter no. 288 dated 09.05.2019. It, alongwith annexure, is placed in the case-file.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh through a letter dated 11.01.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far. It is taken on record.

After going through the reply given vide letter no. 1345 dated 14.11.2019 and vide letter no. 288 dated 09.05.2019 sent by the PIO, it emerges that the respondent PIO has sent the information to the appellant and the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh through letter dated 11.01.2020 is stating that he has not received any information, which reflects that he is denying having received the information. Moreover, the appellant should have pointed-out deficiencies, if any, by today as directed vide orders dated 19.11.2019.

After going through the queries raised by the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh through his RTI request and the response given by the respondent PIO concerned, it is found that complete information has been supplied by the respondent PIO to the appellant as per queries raised by him through his RTI request.

Since the information stands supplied in the instant appeal case and no cause of action is left in this case, hence, the case is announced as **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 13th January, 2020

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

Jasbir Singh,
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
P. O. Ramgarh,
Distt. – Ludhiana - 123455 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2571 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Neither the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh nor the respondent is present in today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 5197 dated 18.11.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport officer, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 24080 dated 16.12.2019, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh through a letter dated 15.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 24225 dated 17.12.2019, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and asked for filing of this case. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is also found that a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued in the name of Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar vide orders dated 19.11.2019.

As the respondent PIO has supplied to complete information to the appellant to his satisfaction and the appellant has acknowledged that he has received the required information and is willing to close the case, hence, show cause issued to the concerned respondent PIO vide orders dated 19.11.2019 is **dropped.**

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

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 13th January, 2020

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

Jasbir Singh,
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
P. O. Ramgarh,
Distt. – Ludhiana - 123455 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2639 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 19.11.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar, under the provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant, Jasbir Singh through a letter dated 15.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 24223 dated 17.12.2019, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that his RTI request is dated 25.03.2019 and vide letter no. 5190 dated 18.11.2019 i. e. after six months, the respondent PIO has called him to inspect the official record, moreover, he is unable to visit the office of the respondent to inspect the official record. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 46 dated 10.01.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that vide letter dated 18.11.2019 the appellant was called to inspect the official record, but the appellant has shown his availability to inspect the record. It is taken on record.

As directions were given to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date despite the fact that directions were given vide orders dated 20.11.2019 to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post.

For holding guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar.

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

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

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

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post 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 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 13th January, 2020

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



Jasbir Singh,
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
P. O. Ramgarh,
Distt. – Ludhiana - 123455 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2641 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Ravinder Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.11.2019 and an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied.

Sh. Ravinder Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 10586 dated 18.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, showing that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh vide letter no. 9695 dated 14.11.2019. On that reply, the appellant has put his signatures on 13.12.2019 as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh through a letter dated 15.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and asked for filing of this case. It is taken on record.

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

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 13th January, 2020

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

Jasbir Singh,
Village – Bholapur Jhabewal,
P. O. Ramgarh,
Distt. – Ludhiana - 123455 (Punjab)

...Appellant

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2699 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.11.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar, under the provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant, Jasbir Singh through a letter dated 15.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 24221 dated 17.12.2019, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that his RTI request is dated 25.03.2019 and vide letter no. 5190 dated 18.11.2019 i. e. after six months, the respondent PIO has called him to inspect the official record, moreover, he is unable to visit the office of the respondent to inspect the official record. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 46 dated 10.01.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that vide letter dated 18.11.2019 the appellant was called to inspect the official record, but the appellant has shown his availability to inspect the record. It is taken on record.

As directions were given to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date despite the fact that directions were given vide orders dated 20.11.2019 to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post.

For holding guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and for making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Amritsar.

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

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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

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

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post 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 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 13th January, 2020

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

Manjinder Singh,
2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali (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. 2703 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.11.2019 and the concerned PIO was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 02.12.2019 at 11:00 A. M.

Sh. Gurcharan Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that in compliance to the order dated 20.11.2019, inspection of the relevant official record has been done by the appellant and the required information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has received the requisite information. He also through a letter dated 13.01.2020, 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.

Date : 13th January, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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

...Appellant

V/s.

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

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2706 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Beant Singh, Junior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.11.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Hoshiarpur, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Beant Singh, Junior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that he has brought the requisite information in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh during hearing. He also handed over the same to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. He also submits a reply vide letter no. 1667 dated 08.01.2020 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Regional Transport Authority, Hoshiarpur. It is taken on record.

After going through the information supplied, the appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, through a letter dated 13.01.2020, 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

After examining the documents placed on record, it is also found that a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued in the name of Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Hoshiarpur vide orders dated 20.11.2019.

As the respondent PIO has supplied to complete information to the appellant to his satisfaction and the appellant has acknowledged that he has received the required information and is willing to close the case, hence, show cause issued to the concerned respondent PIO vide orders dated 20.11.2019 is **dropped.**

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

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 13th January, 2020

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

Manjit Singh
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
Village Mane Majra,
Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
Distt. Ropar. (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
State Transport, Punjab,
Sector-17, Jiwandeep Building,
Chandigarh.

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 636 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the complainant in person.
Ms. Harmohan Kaur, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.11.2019 and an opportunity was given to the complainant to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him through registered post, with a copy to the Commission.

Ms. Harmohan Kaur, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the remaining information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has received the requisite information. He also through a letter dated 13.01.2020, 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.

Date : 13th January, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Manjit Singh
S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
Village Mane Majra,
Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
Distt. Ropar. (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
State Transport, Punjab,
Sector-17, Jiwandeep Building,
Chandigarh.

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 637 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the complainant in person.
Ms. Harmohan Kaur, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.11.2019 and an opportunity was given to the complainant to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him through registered post, with a copy to the Commission.

Ms. Harmohan Kaur, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the remaining information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has received the requisite information. He also through a letter dated 13.01.2020, 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.

Date : 13th January, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Manjit Singh S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh,
Village Mane Majra,
Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib,
Distt. Ropar (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s

(Regd. Pot) Public Information Officer,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector-17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 638 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the complainant in person.
Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.11.2019 and Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO, appeared for the respondent and stated that the required information of 132 pages has been sent at wrong address and orally committed that information would be sent to the appellant positively.

Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has been given to the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that the information of 132 pages has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date as mentioned by Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO on the last date of hearing held on 20.11.2019 in this case.

After examining the documents placed on record and hearing both the parties concerned, it emerges that the information of 132 pages has not been sent by the PIO concerned to the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh as orally committed by Sh. Gurpal Singh on the last date of hearing held on 20.11.2019.

When asked from Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO, he has tried to cover-up the matter.

As the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to 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 of this order be sent to him through registered post.**

The case is **adjourned to 2nd March, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 13th January, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Sukhwinder Singh,
O/o The Secretary,
Parents Association (Regd.)
Machhiwara,
Ludhiana -141115 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

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

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2669 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Ravinder Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 20.11.2019 and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies in the information supplied to him through registered post with a copy to the Commission and the respondent PIO was directed to supply the required information through registered post after removing the deficiencies, if any, pointed out by the appellant.

Sh. Ravinder Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply has been given to the appellant, Sh. Sukhwinder Singh.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 9180 dated 18.10.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, showing that a reply has been given to the appellant, Sh. Sukhwinder Singh vide letter no. 5143 dated 25.07.2019. It is placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 20.11.2019 and he is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also not approached the Commission with any contrary claim.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant does not wish to pursue this case further and hence the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 13th January, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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

...Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.
SCO 177-178, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3055 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post at his given address within two weeks from that day and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission. Another opportunity is given to the appellant 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 and to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabarwal.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate (authorized representative of the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabarwal) through a letter dated 08.01.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 654 dated 10.01.2020, has acknowledged that the appellant has received the requisite information and satisfied with the same. 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.

Date : 13th January, 2020

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