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Sh. Jaswant Singh Bhathal(9878601959)

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Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal, ITI, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

Director, Technical Education &

Industrial Training Deptt.,Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 5252 of 2021

Through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant- Sh. Jaswant Singh Bhathal

Respondent: Sh. Rajiv Kumar (SA-cum-APIO) (9501816241) along with Sh. Baljinder Singh

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 07.07.2021 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 24.08.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.11.2021 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 20.7.2022 at 11.00 a.m. but was postponed to 13.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that information sought for as per his RTI application is still pending. He adds that respondent PIO supplying irrelevant and wrong information. The appellant also mentions that information sought for is about canteen contractor
4. The respondent, Sh. Rajiv Kumar states that the information is ready with the department.
5. After discussing with both the parties in detail, respondent PIO is directed to supply the requisite information as per RTI application to the appellant within seven days from today. Appellant is advised to go through the information, once he had received and point out ambiguity within seven days in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **22.11.2022 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. Naresh Kumar, (9464522190)

H.No.2190, Sector 44-C,
Chandigarh 160047,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy State Board of Technical Education &
Industrial Training, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy State Board of Technical Education &
Industrial Training, Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 5254 of 2021

Through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant-Sh. Naresh Kumar

Respondent: Dr. Jasdeep Kaur, Dy. Director (Academics) (7700008105)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 22.7.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 17.09.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.11.2021 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 20.7.2022 at 11.00 a.m. but was postponed to 13.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that the information supplied does not relate to the case. He further states that no record as per RTI application has been provided.
4. The respondent states that the information in connection with point no. 4 is a 3rd party that is why the same has not been provided. Point 1, 2 & 3 has already been provided to the appellant but information with regard to point No.4 is an enquiry report.
5. After discussing with both the parties in detail, respondent PIO is directed to provide the information in connection with point no. 4 to the appellant within 7 days from today. It is also observed that no ambiguity letter is received from the appellant in the supplied information in connection with point no. 1, 2 and 3, which means he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **22.11.2022 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. Naresh Kumar, (9464522190)

H.No.2190, Sector 44-C,
Chandigarh 160047,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy State Board of Technical Education &
Industrial Training, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy State Board of Technical Education &
Industrial Training, Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 5255 of 2021
Through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant-Sh. Naresh Kumar

Respondent: Dr. Jasdeep Kaur, Dy. Director (Academics) (7700008105)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 13.8.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 17.9.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.11.2021 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 20.7.2022 at 11.00 a.m. but was postponed to 13.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that he has not received the sought for information as per his RTI application till date. He further pleads the court for directions for supply of information.
4. The respondent states that the information is with regard to service book, which has not been supplied as it relates with 3rd party and consent was not given by the concerned third party in this regard.
5. After discussing with both the parties in detail, respondent PIO is directed to go through the RTI application once again and supply the information as per RTI Act, 2005. In case information could not be supplied to the appellant, supply an affidavit in original to the appellant as per queries raised by him in the RTI application with a copy to the Commission.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **22.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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H.No.2190, Sector 44-C,
Chandigarh 160047,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Secy State Board of Technical Education &
Industrial Training, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secy State Board of Technical Education &
Industrial Training, Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 5321 of 2021
Through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant-Sh. Naresh Kumar
Respondent: Dr. Jasdeep Kaur, Dy. Director (Academics) (7700008105)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 9.9.2021 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 8.10.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.11.2021 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 20.7.2022 at 11.00 a.m. but was postponed to 13.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that information sought for as per his RTI application is still awaited. He further pleads the court for suitable directions to the respondent so that he may get the information.
4. The respondent states that sought for information has been asked from the concerned department, which is received today and the same will be provided to the appellant at earliest.
5. After discussing with both the parties in detail, respondent PIO is directed to supply the requisite information as per RTI application to the appellant within seven days from today. Appellant is advised to go through the information, once he had received and point out ambiguity within seven days in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **22.11.2022 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. Naresh Kumar, (9464522190)

H.No.2190, Sector 44-C,
Chandigarh 160047,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy State Board of Technical Education &
Industrial Training, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy State Board of Technical Education &
Industrial Training, Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 5322 of 2021

Through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant-Sh. Naresh Kumar

Respondent: Dr. Jasdeep Kaur, Dy. Director (Academics) (7700008105)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 7.9.2021 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 8.10.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.11.2021 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 20.7.2022 at 11.00 a.m. but was postponed to 13.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present and after discussing with the parties, respondent PIO is directed only to supply the outcome of the enquiry report to the appellant within seven days under intimation to the Commission.
3. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
4. To come up on **22.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Sh. Manjinder Singh(9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali 140301.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozpur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Ferozpur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 5299 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant- Sh. Manjinder Singh
Respondent: Sh. Gurmeet Singh

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 24.8.2021 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 5.10.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 25.11.2021 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 20.7.2022 at 11.00 a.m. but was postponed to 13.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that more than one year has gone in vain, the information sought for as per his application is still awaited. He further pleads the court for suitable directions to the respondent.
4. The respondent states that they have supplied the information to the appellant on 30.9.2021, which the appellant denies to receive.
5. The court while listening the case in detail, suggests for an inspection of the record at respondent's office so that case could come to some conclusion. Therefore, the court fixes 19th September, 2022 at 12.00 noon for inspection. The respondent is directed to ensure his presence on the fixed date and time. He is directed to supply the information within 7 days from identification under intimation to the Commission.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **16.11.2022 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. Inderpal Singh (9914708880)
s/o Sh. Surjit Singh,
R/o 240, Block B, Ahluwalia Colony,
Jamalpur, Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority
O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4179 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Inder Pal Singh - appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Anshu Khullar, DEO (9814395920)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.5.2022 vide which the court fixed the time for inspection for Monday i.e. 16.5.2022 at 11.00 a.m. as mutually consented by both the parties. The matter was adjourned to 13.9.2022.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant is present.
3. The respondent Sh. Anshu Khullar, Data Entry Operator states that Sh. Sukhjinder is to attend court somewhere else so he has deputed me for the hearing. He further requests the court for inspection again so that information could be supplied to the appellant.
4. The court directs both the parties to mutually decide for inspection so that the case could come to some conclusion after that.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. To come up on **16.11.2022 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. Sanjeev Thakur(9814289744)

Vill. Gudha Khurd,
PO Madhopur Cantt. 145024

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o RTA, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority

O/o STC Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 1793 of 2021
Through CISCO Webex**

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Sanjeev Thakur

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Balwant Singh, JA (98724413497)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 2.1.2021 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 8.2.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 7.4.2021 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 16.9.2021 at 11.00 a.m. but was postponed to 7.4.2022 and further to 13.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that nothing has been received inspite of sufficient time have gone in vain.
4. The respondent states that they have already supplied the information to the appellant on 15.1.2021 and 14.9.21 vide the respondent department asks for submission of fee, which the appellant denies.
5. The court consequent upon listening the case, directs the respondent to go through the RTI application once again and supply point-wise information to the appellant through registered post within 7 days under intimation to the Commission.
6. Appellant is advised to go through the information, once he had received and point out ambiguity within seven days in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission.
7. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
8. To come up on **22.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Vill. Gudha Khurd,
PO Madhopur Cantt. 145024

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o RTA, Amritsar

First Appellate Authority

O/o ASTC O/o STC Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1795 of 2021
Through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Sanjiv Thakur

(ii) For the respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 2.1.2021 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 8.2.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 7.4.2021 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 16.9.2021 at 11.00 a.m. but was postponed to 7.4.2022 and further to 13.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but nobody appears on behalf of the respondent.
3. The appellant states that nothing has been received with regard to point No.1, 4 and even sufficient time has elapsed.
4. The court while listening the appellant, directs the respondent to supply the point-wise information in connection with point no. 1, 4 and 5 to the appellant within 7 days after receipt of this order. The appellant is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, on receipt of the information within seven days, a copy of deficiency letter be also forwarded to the Commission.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
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Sh. Sanjeev Thakur(9814289744)

Vill. Gudha Khurd,
PO Madhopur Cantt. 145024

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o RTA, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/o ASTC O/o STC Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1796 of 2021
Through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Sanjiv Thakur

(ii) For the respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 2.1.2021 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 10.2.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 7.4.2021 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 16.9.2021 at 11.00 a.m. but was postponed to 7.4.2022 and further to 13.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but nobody appears on behalf of the respondent.
3. The appellant states that nothing has been received even sufficient time have elapsed.
4. After discussing with both the parties in detail, respondent PIO is directed to supply the requisite information as per RTI application to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order. Appellant is advised to go through the information, once he had received and point out ambiguity within seven days in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission once he had received the information.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. To come up on **22.11.2022 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. Bhupinder Punj,(9915235055)

s/o Sh. Braham Prakash,
186, VPO Lohara, Ludhiana,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4037 of 2021
(Through CISCO WEBEX)

Present: Appellant- Sh. Bhupinder Punj
Respondent – Sh. Sher Singh (APIO)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 29.03.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent Sh. Sher Singh states that the information has already been sent to the appellant on 10.03.2022 and 29.03.2022 via an email and by post but appellant denies on the same.
3. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, respondent PIO is
4. The Commission directs the appellant to supply the email ID to the respondent as well as to the Commission so that the information could be sent to him through email. He is directed to point out deficiency specifically within 7 days to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, once he had received the information, failing which case will be decided on merits.
5. The respondent PIO is also directed to represent this case on the next of hearing positively.
6. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **22.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX** application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Sh. Bhupinder Punj (9915235055)

s/o Sh. Braham Prakash,
186, VPO Lohara, Ludhiana,

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o RTA, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4167 of 2021
(Through CISCO WEBEX)

Present:

Appellant- Sh. Bhupinder Punj

Respondent – Sh. Gurvinder Singh, Data Entry Operator (9041324168)

ORDER

1. Refer earlier order dated 29.3.2022 vide which RTA, Bathinda, was directed to supply point-wise reply/ information as per RTI application to the appellant within seven ten days after receipt of the order along with directions to represent this case on the next date of hearing. The matter was adjourned to 13.9.2022.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant intimates that the requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent, Sh. Gurvinder Singh states that information has already been sent to the appellant vide office letter dated 29.3.2022 & letter No.1241 dated: 6.7.2022, which is on the record of the Commission.
4. After discussing with both the parties in detail, respondent PIO is directed to supply the requisite information as per RTI application to the appellant within seven days from today. Appellant is advised to go through the information, once he had received and point out ambiguity within seven days in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **22.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX** 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. Ludhiana141123.**

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)
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. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.05.2022 vide which it was observed that respondent PIO was consecutively absent second time without any intimation to the Commission. A show cause notices was issued to him vide order dated 11.05.2022. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 13.09.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant is present and states that nothing has been supplied till date.
3. Respondent PIO is absent third (3rd) time without intimation to the Commission in spite of registered post notices and orders issued by the Commission.
4. From the material on record, it transpires that there has been unnecessary delay in conveying the correct State of affairs to the appellant in respect to his request for information. No explanation for delay has been given by him. Rather, his failure to even respond to the directions issued to him by the Commission reinforces the fact that he has been without any reasonable cause guilty of remissness in the discharge of his duties, therefore, deserves to be penalized.
5. In view of the defying attitude of the concerned **respondent PIO, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur** neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the directions issued to him within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the **imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) upon the concerned respondent PIO**. However, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten thousand only) on the respondent PIO. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of RTA, Patiala is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 10000/- from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services

60 other Services

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005

Appeal Case No.: 3215 of 2021
Heard through CISCO WEBEX

6. To come up on **22.11.2022 at 11:00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
7. Appellant is on liberty either to attend to attend hearing in person at PSIC Office or through CISCO WEBEX software (Meeting no. 1582933632)

Dated: 13.09.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
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Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate(9041004313)

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

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)
O/o SDM, Kapurthala

First Appellate Authority
O/o SDM, Kapurthala

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 1110 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate appellant- present
(ii) For the respondent: absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.05.2022.
2. The perusal of the file shows that the above mentioned case was earlier heard by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh on 03.06.2021 vide which respondent PIO was absent. He was directed to supply the information through registered post under intimation to the Commission along with directions to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing fixed for 24.08.2021.
3. On hearing held on 24.08.2021, respondent PIO was again absent. The Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Hem Inder Singh awarded last and final opportunity to the respondent PIO to supply the information, failing which show cause will be issued under Section 20(1). He was directed to appear in person and matter was fixed for 10.11.2021.
4. On hearing held on 10.11.2021, both the parties were absent. One opportunity was awarded to the respondent PIO to supply the information, failing which show cause will be issued under Section 20(1). He was directed to appear in person and matter was fixed for 18.01.2022.
5. The above mentioned case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide office order passed by the Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab on 03.01.2022. Accordingly case was fixed for hearing on 10.05.2022.
6. On hearing held on 10.05.2022, respondent PIO was absent and Show Cause notice was issued to him by name. A copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post. Matter was adjourned for 07.07.2022 which was postponed and fixed for today i.e. 13.09.2022.
7. In today's hearing, appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh states that no response whatsoever has been received from the respondents till date. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them, which is a serious matter indeed. Respondent PIO failed to perform his duties as a public servant. RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability of every public authority.

Appeal case No.: 1110 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

8. From the material on record, it transpires that there has been unnecessary delay in conveying the correct State of affairs to the appellant in respect to his request for information. No explanation for delay has been given by him. Rather, his failure to even respond to the directions issued to him by the Commission reinforces the fact that he has been without any reasonable cause guilty of remissness in the discharge of his duties, therefore, deserves to be penalized.
9. In view of the defying attitude of the concerned **respondent PIO, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur** neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the directions issued to him within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the **imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 5000/- (Five thousand only) upon the concerned respondent PIO.** However, taking a lenient view, I impose a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rs. Five thousand only) on the respondent PIO. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of RTA, Patiala is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 5000/- from the salary of the concerned respondent PIO and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-
 - "0070-Other Administrative Services
 - 60 other Services
 - 800-Other Receipts
 - 86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005
10. To come up on **22.11.2022 at 11:00 AM for further proceedings in the Commission.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
11. Appellant is on liberty either to attend to attend hearing in person at PSIC Office or through CISCO WEBEX software (Meeting no. 1582933632)

Dated: 13.09.2022

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Sh. Gurpreet Singh, (7814044919)

H.No.163, Sector-45-A,
Chandigarh

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o Deptt of Technical Education & Indl.
Training (Training Wing),
Sector 36, Chandigarh

The Superintendent (PIO)

(Regd. Post) O/o Administrative Department,
Deptt of Technical Education & Indl. (Training wing -1branch),
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,
Sector- 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Deptt of Technical Education & Indl.
Training (Training Wing),
Sector 36, Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 544 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, the appellant in person.
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sanjiv Kumar (SA) (9855188396)
Sh. Rajinder Singh (APIO) (9646405423)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 21.4.2022 vide respondent PIO was directed to supply an affidavit in original in connection with point no. 1 and 3 to the appellant with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of order. The matter was adjourned to 13.9.2022.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
3. The respondent, Sh. Rajinder Singh states that information dated 17.09.2021, 26.10.2021 and 01.12.2021 were sent to the appellant. He adds that appellant was called for inspection on 01.06.2022 but he has not visited the respondent's office.
4. Appellant, Sh. Gurpreet Singh states that nothing has been provided by the respondent inspite of orders dated 21.4.2022 where the respondent was directed to submit an affidavit in connection with point no. 1 and 3 of the RTI application.
5. After having detailed discussion with both the parties and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 21.04.2022 within one week from today, with a copy to the Commission.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. To come up on **22.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 13.09.2022

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Smt. Sunahari Devi w/o(9988001180)

Late Sh. Chhajju Ram,
R/o Near Balmiki Mandir,
Samana, Distt. Patiala 147101.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o BDPO, Patran, Distt.Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o DDPO, Patiala.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 614 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Rocky Tayal on behalf of the Complainant

(ii) Sh. Jasveer Singh on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 10.08.2022 vide which respondent PIO was directed to supply an affidavit in original in context to RTI application along with directions for the compliance of order dated 30.03.2022 regarding compensation awarded to the appellant amounting Rs. 5,000/- within seven days from today. Matter was adjourned for 13.09.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present and status is same as it was on the previous hearing held on 10.08.2022.
3. Respondent, Sh. Jasveer Singh requests for an adjournment with the assurance that affidavit is ready as and when it is forwarded by the top management, the same shall be submitted to the appellant within 2-3 days.
4. After hearing the respondent the court grants one more opportunity to the respondent for the compliance of previous order dated 10.08.2022 which the respondent, Sh. Jasveer Singh assured during the hearing, failing which consequences shall follow.
5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **28.9.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX** application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 13.09.2022

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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

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. Lakhbir Trikha (DCFA-cum-PIO) (9780042159).

Sh. Neeraj Garg (SD) (9872310253)

Sh. Gurmail Singh, (Civil Branch) (9815378449)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.05.2022 vide which inspection was fixed with mutually coordination. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 13.09.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, Sh. Sanjiv Goyal appearing on behalf of the appellant states that the department is unable to provide the complete information till date.
3. The information with regard to point No.5&6 relates with Sh. Lakhbir Trikha. He states that the information has already been provided, for which the appellant affirms the same; accordingly Sh. Lakhbir Trikha is exempted from further hearings till further orders.
4. The information at point No.2 &3 relates with Sh. Neeraj, SDO, MC, Bathinda. He states that information shall be sent soon.
5. Sh. Gurmail Singh states that reply with regard to point 8 and 9 will/should be given by SDO.
6. After discussing with the present parties and examining the case file, it is observed that there are more than 01 PIO. Respondents are directed to mutually co-operate and supply the complete information within 7 days after receipt of this order without wasting more time.
7. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
8. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **22.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Dated: 13.09.2022

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203, District Courts,
Sector 76,
Mohali 160071.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3844 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant –Absent.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk (7009537406)

ORDER

1. Refer earlier order dated 12.5.2022 where the appellant was absent. Respondent PIO intimated the Commission that requisite information is voluminous and appellant may asked for specific information. Matter was adjourned to 7.7.2022 and further postponed to 13.9.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Harjit Singh is present.
3. Appellant is not present but an email dated 13.09.2022 is received stating therein that respondent PIO denied inspection of record after many calls to his phone number. This email is taken on record.
4. After discussing with the respondent and examining the case file, appellant is advised to visit the respondent's office on **13.10.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** to inspect the official record and respondent PIO, Sh. Sham Lal is directed to be present on the fixed date and time. Respondent PIO is also directed to supply the official record for inspection as per queries raised by the appellant in the RTI application along with directions to supply the identified pages within seven days after identification.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. To come up on **22.11.2022 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: 13.09.2022

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Punjab

Regd. Post

Sh. Sham Lal (Public Information Officer)
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala

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Sh. Parwinder Pal Singh(9592000845)

s/o Late Sh. Gurdeep Singh
R/o 478-A, Model Town(Extension)
Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Distt. Transport Officer,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o Distt. Transport Officer, Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2377 of 2022

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Appellant - . Parwinder Pal Singh

Respondent: Sh. Sukhjinder Singh (PIO) along with Sh. Anshu (Data Entry Operator)

ORDER:

1. Refer earlier order dated 1.8.2022 vide which PIO was directed to supply the information to appellant by registered post within seven days from that day. The appellant was advised to point out deficiency, if any, on its receipt within 7 days under intimation to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merit basis. The case was adjourned to 13.9.2022.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The respondent states that information has already been provided to the appellant on 16.3.2022 for which the appellant shows dissatisfaction.
4. The court while taking serious note, directs the respondent to give point-wise reply to the appellant within 7 days.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. To come up on **29.9.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Versus

Show-Cause

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post)

O/o SDM, Bhikhiwind

Encl. RTI application

First Appellate Authority

O/o SDM, Bhikhiwind

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 376 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Tejinder Singh on behalf of the appellant.

Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. The above mentioned case was earlier heard on 14.10.2021 vide which both the parties were absent. Matter was adjourned to 27.4.2022, which was postponed 07.07.2022 but was again postponed to 13.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, representative of the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh states that deficiencies were pointed out on 18.01.2022, which is still to be removed.
3. No one has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents nor has any communication been received from them, which is a serious matter indeed. Respondent PIO failed to perform his duties as a public servant. RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability of every public authority.
4. In view of the foregoing, respondent PIO, O/o **SDM, Bhikhiwind 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. Respondent PIO is also directed to remove the deficiencies within one week after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission.
6. To come up on **11.10.2022 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. Jasveer Singh Sandhu (9417508764)

S/o Sh. Balkar Singh

Crime Reporter

Vill. Jogewala,

PO Malkana, Tehsil Talwandi Saboo,

Distt. Bathinda 151301.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o DC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o Divisional Commissioner, Faridkot

Faridkot Division

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1060 of 2021

Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Sh. Jasveer Singh, appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Harinder Singh (PS) (9501466686)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 12.5.2022 vide which a final opportunity was given to the respondent to comply with the orders of the Commission along with directions to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing. The matter was adjourned to 07.07.2022, which was postponed to 13.9.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant, Sh. Jasveer Singh states that status is same. He further states that the respondent changes his statement from time and again and nothing is being provided to him.
3. The respondent states that they have submitted the copy of affidavit to the appellant on 18.5.2022.
4. The court while taking suo moto cognizance of the situation directs the respondent to supply the affidavit once again in original to the appellant along with ਪੜਤਾਲੀਆਂ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ relates with ਦਰਖਾਸਤ dated 03.03.2020 as per RTI application within 7 days from today with a copy to the Commission.
5. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **27.10.2022 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. Ravinder Singh Gill

986, Near Dev Hotel, Main Bazaar,
Moga 142001.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post) O/o SDM-Cum-DTO, Mansa

Encl. Letter dated 06.09.2022 (Diary No. 20447 dated 08.09.2022)

First Appellate Authority

O/o SDM-Cum-DTO, Mansa

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 620 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant - Absent
(ii) For the respondent: Ms. Shakuntla Rani (Superintendent)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.07.2022 vide which respondent requested for an adjournment in this case. Appellant was absent and a final opportunity was awarded to both the parties to represent this case and matter was adjourned to 13.09.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Ms. Shakuntla Rani states that there was no entry number of the office was mentioned on the copy of RC, so information was not possible to supply. She adds that after filing first appeal, appellant had provided number details (No. 1 dated 08.02.2009) but after going through the official record, it was observed that according to details given by the appellant (No. 1 dated 08.02.2009) RC was not on the name of Sh. Sukhchain Singh. She further states that reply was already been sent to the appellant.
3. The appellant, Sh. Ravinder Singh Gill did not attend the hearings in person but he had sent emails which are being taken on record. An email dated 12.09.2022 is received from the appellant stating therein that no information supplied to him yet. He further adds that he is unable to attend today's hearing as he has to attend hearing in Civil Court Moga and he has sent a letter dated 06.09.2022 in this case, which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 20447 dated 08.09.2022, which is taken on record.
4. The appellant is advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively to explain his case so that case will be decided accordingly, failing which case will be decide on merit basis.
5. A copy of letter (dated 06.09.2022) received from the appellant be sent o the respondent PIO along with this order for his ready reference. Respondent PIO is directed to go through the letter dated 06.09.2022 and file a fresh reply to the Commission in this regard with a copy to the appellant.
6. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **22.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Dated: 13.09.2022

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