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Shri Rohit Sabharwal  
Kundan Bhawan,  
#126, Model Gram,  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Executive Officer,  
Improvement Trust, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Regional Deputy Director,  
Local Govt., Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2048 of 2020**

Present: (i) Appellant - absent  
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through video Conferencing/On Mobile Phone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 09.03.2020 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 21.05.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.10.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor any representative has been deputed to attend the hearing on his behalf. However, an e.mail dated 09.10.2020 has been received from the PIO whereby the information has been sent to the appellant.
4. Since the appellant is absent, Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, earlier appearing on behalf of the appellant, is contacted on mobile phone and is apprised of the letter dated 09.10.2020 vide which the appellant has been supplied information. The representative of the appellant denies having received any information.
5. As the PIO has not come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives for the same. The PIO is now directed to come in person on the next date of hearing and to again supply complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

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**AC No.2048/2020**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 08.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
13.10.2020**

**Sd/-  
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Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation  
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2049 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant- absent**  
(ii) **Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, M.C. Zone-A, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through video Conferencing/On Mobile Phone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 19.03.2020 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 21.05.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.10.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 01.10.2020.
4. Since the appellant is absent, Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, earlier appearing on behalf of the appellant, is contacted on mobile phone and is apprised of the letter dated 01.10.2020 vide which the appellant has been supplied information. The representative of the appellant states that the appellant is not satisfied with the information supplied as necessary details have not been enclosed with the information supplied.
5. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to call the appellant to his office to allow the appellant access to the relevant official records. On inspection of the records, the appellant will identify the information desired as per RTI application and the same will be provided by the PIO to the appellant.



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**AC No.2049/2020**

6. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the complete information as available in the official records in AC No.2049/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and that the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 08.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation  
Zone-A, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2053 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant- absent**  
(ii) **Shri Harjit Singh, SDO, M.C. Zone-C , Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through video Conferencing/On Mobile Phone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 27.02.2020 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 21.05.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.10.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Harjit Singh, S.D.O. Municipal Corporation, Zone-C, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 30.09.2020 and again vide letter dated 09.10.2020 as also an intimation has been given to the Commission vide e.mail dated 12.10.2020.
4. Since the appellant is absent, Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, earlier appearing on behalf of the appellant, is contacted on mobile phone and is apprised of the letters dated 30.09.2020 and letter dated 09.10.2020 vide which the appellant has been supplied information. The representative of the appellant states that the appellant is not satisfied with the information supplied and has pointed out certain deficiencies to the PIO which have not been addressed by the PIO as yet.
5. Post deliberations, the PIO is directed to look into the deficiencies as pointed out by the appellant. The same be addressed and complete information be supplied to the appellant before the next hearing.

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**AC No.2053/2020**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 08.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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H.No.7-GK Vihar,  
Manakwal, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority,  
Faridkot.

....Respondents

**AC No.2014 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.02.2020 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 23.05.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.10.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Neither the PIO has come present to attend the hearing nor any representative has been deputed to attend the hearing on his behalf. However, a letter dated 04.09.2020 which has been received by post from the PIO and is available in the file, stating therein that the information has been sent to the appellant.
4. The appellant is apprised of the letter dated 04.09.2020 vide which the appellant has been supplied information. The appellant denies having received any Information.

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**AC No.2014/2020**

5. The PIO has not come present to attend the hearing nor he has deputed any of his representatives for the same. The PIO is now directed to come in person on the next date of hearing and to again supply the complete information to the appellant before the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 08.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Manakwal, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2016 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant**  
(ii) **Shri Parshotam Lal, SDO, M.C. Zone-B, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**Heard through video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.02.2020 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 23.05.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.10.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Parshotam Lal, SDO O/o Municipal Corporation Zone-B, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the information is ready for which the appellant has been asked to deposit Rs.3200/- as it consists of 1600 pages and the fees is yet to be deposited by the appellant.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that his RTI application is dated 26.02.2020 and as such, the information was to be supplied within 30 days as per RTI Act, but even after a lapse of eight months, no action has been taken and the PIO is not justified to demand the fee for supply of information as he has defaulted in not supplying the information in the laid down time line.
5. Post deliberations, the Bench makes it clear to the PIO that the Bench agrees with the contention of appellant and the PIO cannot demand any fee for the supply of information beyond the period of 30 days and it has to be supplied free of cost. As such, the PIO is directed to supply complete information to the appellant free of cost, before the next hearing.



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**AC No.2016/2020**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 08.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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H.No.7-GK Vihar,  
Manakwal, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

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

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

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

....Respondents

**AC No.2018 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant**  
(ii) **Shri Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer/PIO, O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh, in person before the Bench.**

**ORDER:**

**Heard through video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.02.2020 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 23.05.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.10.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Piara Singh, PIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab comes present in person before the Bench at Chandigarh. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant on 05.10.2020 and then on 05.10.2020.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan states that he has received information on Points No.1,2,3, of his RTI Application. As regarding Point No.4, it was stated by the PIO that the information was being supplied and regarding Point No.5, he has received partial information.
5. Post deliberations, the PIO states that the information on Point No.4 has been sent on 05.10.2020 and the information regarding Point No.5 comprises 69 pages. He makes a request to the Bench to ask the appellant to give his e.mail Id. on which he will send the entire information again. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant apprises the PIO of his e.mail Id. The PIO is directed to ensure that the complete information is sent to the appellant before the next hearing.



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**AC No.2018/2020**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 08.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
13.10.2020**

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Manakwal, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority,  
Mohali.

....Respondents

**AC No.2019 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) Shri Satnam Singh, appellant  
(ii) None on behalf of the PIO.

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing/On Mobile Phone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.02.2020 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 23.05.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.10.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he is not satisfied with the information supplied as the same has been denied on the plea that it is third party. The appellant explains that issues have been raised in his RTI application which are not personal information and are of public interest as some of them point to certain irregularities in the RTA Department.

3. Since the PIO is absent, his representative Shri Dharinder Singh, Steno O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Mohali is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the appellant has been sent reply vide letter dated 23.06.2020 that the information cannot be supplied, being third party information as the owner of the vehicle about which information has been sought, Shri Hardip Singh has not given his consent to share information about his vehicle. He also states to have intimated the Commission vide e.mail dated 08.10.2020.



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**AC No.2019/2020**

4. Post deliberations, the Bench observes that as per the facts stated by the appellant, the information sought by the appellant be given and over rules the contention of the PIO. Accordingly, the PIO is directed to supply complete information relating to all three points of RTI application to the appellant before the next hearing.

5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 08.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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H.No.7-GK Vihar,  
Manakwal, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

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

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

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

....Respondents

**AC No.2020 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant**  
(ii) **Shri Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer/PIO, O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh, in person before the Bench.**

**ORDER:**

**Heard through video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.02.2020 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 23.05.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.10.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he has not received any information.
3. Shri Piara Singh, PIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab comes present in person before the Bench at Chandigarh. He produces letter 12.10.2020 before the Bench stating therein that the dealing employee was on leave for more than a month, having been found Corona positive and as such, reply could not be prepared. He requests for giving additional time to supply information to the appellant.
4. The Bench, acceding to the request of the PIO, grants him additional time to supply information to the appellant, before the next hearing.
5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned.. **To come up for hearing on 08.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
13.10.2020**

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District Courts, Ludhiana

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o State Transport Commissioner,  
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

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

....Respondents

**AC No.2026 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Navpreet Singh, appellant**  
(ii) **Shri Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer/PIO, O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh, in person before the Bench.**

**ORDER:**

**Heard through video Conferencing**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.12.2019 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 02.03.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 31.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.10.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Navpreet Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he has not received any information.
3. Shri Piara Singh, PIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab comes present in person before the Bench at Chandigarh. He produces letter 12.10.2020 before the Bench stating therein that the dealing employee was on leave for more than a month, having been found Corona positive and as such, reply could not be prepared. He requests for giving additional time to supply information to the appellant.
4. The Bench, acceding to the request of the PIO, grants him additional time to supply information to the appellant, before the next hearing.
5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned.. **To come up for hearing on 08.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Rajiv Kumar Arora,  
S/o Shri Wazir Chand,  
R/o H.No.36, Gali No.3,  
Rishi Vihar, Majitha Road,  
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority, Amritsar.

....Respondents

**AC No.1985 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Rajiv Kumar Arora, appellant.**  
(ii) **Shri Gurpreet Singh, Section Officer/ PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Amritsar.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard Through Video Conferencing)**

1. The RTI application is dated 22.01.2020 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 02.03.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.07.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 13.10.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Amritsar. The appellant Shri Rajiv Kumar Arora comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he has not been supplied any information.
3. Shri Gurpreet Singh, Section Officer/PIO, O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Amritsar comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the appellant has already been given reply vide letter dated 22.09.2020 to the effect that copies of challans or receipt books cannot be supplied as they contain unique numbers and are printed only by Govt. Press, Patiala and the same may get misused. He further states that no Lok Adalat is held by the office of R.T.A. and no directory of the employees is maintained in their office.
4. Post deliberations with the PIO and the appellant, the Bench over rules the reply of the PIO and directs that the PIO will call the appellant to his office by tying up with him and will allow the appellant access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspecting the records, will identify the information as per his RTI application. The same will be provided by the PIO before the next hearing.



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**AC No.1985/2020**

5. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the complete information as available in the official records in AC No.1985/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and that the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 08.12.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in D.C. Office, Amritsar.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
13.10.2020**

**Sd/-  
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

