



Harjit Singh Dhillon
S/o Late Sh. Gurbaksh Singh,
H. No. 4072, Street No. 03,
Gobind Colony, Jamalpur,
Distt. - Ludhiana - 141015(Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Tehbazari Branch, Zone - B ,
Ludhiana(Punjab)
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Building Branch, Zone - B ,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 85 of 2020

Present : Sh. Harjit Singh Dhillon, the complainant in person.
i) Sh. Abdul Sattar, Superintendent-cum-PIO(Non-Tech.), Zone - B ;
ii) Sh. Randhir Singh, Building Inspector, Zone - B, for the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 13.08.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 11.08.2020, Public Information Officers office of Property Tax Branch and Tehbazari Branch of Zone - B of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, were impleaded as parties in this case.

Sh. Abdul Sattar, Superintendent-cum-PIO(Non-Technical), Zone - B, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, state that the required information at point no. 01, 02 and 03 of the RTI request, has already been supplied to the complainant vide letter dated 08.10.2020 and sent a copy of the same to the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Harjit Singh Dhillon, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that irrelevant information has been given to him by the concerned PIOs and whatever information has been is not certified, moreover, reply given at point no. 02, 03 and 04 of the RTI request is not clear.

Sh. Abdul Sattar states that certified copies of the information at point no. 01 would be sent again to the complainant and a reply at point no. 02 and 03, would be given to the complainant. He also states that information at point no. 04 relates with office of Building Branch.

Sh. Randhir Singh, Building Inspector of Building Branch, Zone - B, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that information at point no. 04 of the RTI request is already given to the complainant in an other case i. e. A. C. 66 of 2019 and the case was announced as disposed vide orders dated 05.12.2019.

After going through the documents placed on record it is found that contents point no. 04 of the RTI request and the RTI request filed by the complainant in A. C. 66 of 2019 are same, hence, any information or reply in response to point no. 04 of the RTI request, is not required to be given again.

The respondent-PIO office of Tehbazari Branch, Zone-B, is directed to give copies of the information (already given) after getting it certified to the appellant and also give a proper reply in connection with point no. 02 and 03 of the RTI request to the appellant positively.

The case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 14th October, 2020

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

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Ravinder Singh,
C/o Office No. 23,
New Lawyer's Chamber, BLOCK- A,
District Courts - Faridkot - 151203(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1080 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 29.10.2018. First appeal is dated 10.01.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.03.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.08.2020, the respondent PIO was again absent without any intimation to the Commission even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 03.02.2020. He had also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. Neither he had not sent any document, which shows that certified copies of the required information was supplied to the appellant nor he had intimated the Commission that whether he had deposited the penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- which was imposed upon him vide order dated 09.12.2019. Taking a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO and after seeing the conduct of the concerned respondent PIO, **a copy of the order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post to ensure compliance of the order dated 09.12.2019 passed by the Commission regarding penalty, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot and to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant. He was also directed to ensure the compliance of the order dated 03.02.2020 regarding disciplinary action, which was recommended by the Commission under Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act against the concerned Public Information Officer for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and for not complying the order passed by the Commission vide orders dated 09.12.2019 and 03.02.2020 under intimation to the Commission.**

The appellant, Sh. Ravinder Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

In the instant appeal-case file, no document is placed in the case-file, which shows that the required information has been given to the appellant. There is neither any document in the case-file, which shows that penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- (which was imposed upon Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot vide order dated 09.12.2019,) has been paid nor any other document, which shows that disciplinary action (which was recommended by the Commission under Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act against the concerned Public Information Officer has been taken by the State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

As per Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, Sh. Gurnam Singh was PIO when penalty was imposed and is presently posted as Assistant Transport Officer in the office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to ensure compliance of the order dated 09.12.2019 by deducting the penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 09.12.2019) from the salary of Sh. Gurnam Singh. He must give direction in this regard to the officer concerned, who deals with the payment of salaries of employees. The compliance of this order be ensured under intimation to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

As there should be a Public Information Officer in every department and for the period from 23.08.2020 till date, no official is posted/designated as Public Information Officer in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, as stated by Sh. Sanjeev Kumar today. **It shows gross negligence or violation of RTI Act, 2005 by the concerned officials of office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, hence, further directions are given to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh to intimate that who is posted/designated as PIO in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, by the next date of hearing.**

A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 09.12.2019, 03.02.2020 and 17.08.2020 be sent through registered post to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport with the advice to intervene into the matter for making functionaries of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot more sensitive and responsible towards the implementation of the RTI Act and also to ensure compliance of the order dated 09.12.2019 passed by the Commission regarding penalty, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of

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Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot and to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant and to ensure the compliance of the order dated 03.02.2020 regarding disciplinary action, which was recommended by the Commission under Section 20 (2) of the RTI Act against the concerned Public Information Officer for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and for not complying the order passed by the Commission vide orders dated 09.12.2019 and 03.02.2020, by the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

A copy of this order alongwith **orders dated 09.12.2019, 03.02.2020 and 17.08.2020** also be sent through registered post to **Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab with the advice to take necessary steps to make the officials concerned more sensitive towards the implementation of the RTI Act to bring transparency in the functioning of public authority concerned.**

The case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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<u>ii) & 03.02.2020</u>
<u>iii) 17.08.2020</u></p> <p>(Regd. Post)</p> <p><u>Encl : orders dated i) 09.12.2019</u>
<u>ii) & 03.02.2020</u>
<u>iii) 17.08.2020</u></p> <p>(Regd. Post)</p> <p><u>Encl : orders dated i) 09.12.2019</u>
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<u>iii) 17.08.2020</u></p> | <p>i) The Chief Secretary
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Pb. Civil Sectt., Sector – 9,
Chandigarh</p> <p>ii) The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Transport.,
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Chandigarh</p> <p>iii) The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh</p> |
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Harish Chand,
Goyal Ayurvedic Store,
Chaina Bazaar,
Jaito, Distt. – Faridkot (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3088 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 07.05.2019. First appeal is dated 08.07.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.08.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.08.2020, last and final opportunity was given to the concerned respondent PIO to appear in person before the Commission on the hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant and if the required information was supplied, then submit a copy of the postal receipt and copy of information, through which information was sent to the appellant, in the Commission, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

The appellant, Sh. Harish Chand, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that after 23.08.2020 to till date, no Public Information Officer is designated in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot .

In the instant appeal-case file, no document is placed in the case-file, which shows that the required information has been given to the appellant.

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Final opportunity is given to the concerned respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant and copy of information supplied be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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.

As there should be a Public Information Officer in every department and for the period from 23.08.2020 till date, no official is posted/designated as Public Information Officer in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot as stated by Sanjeev Kumar today. It shows gross negligence or violation of RTI Act, 2005 by the concerned officials of office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, hence, further directions are given to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh to intimate that who is posted/designated as PIO in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 17.08.2020 be sent through registered post to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport with the advice to intervene into the matter for making functionaries of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot more sensitive and responsible towards the implementation of the RTI Act

A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 17.08.2020, also be sent through registered post to **Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab with the advice to take necessary steps to make the officials concerned more sensitive towards the implementation of the RTI Act to bring transparency in the functioning of public authority concerned.**

The case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Pb. Civil Sectt., Sector – 9,
Chandigarh
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Encl : orders dated 17.08.2020
- ii) The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Transport.,
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- iii) The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

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Goyal Ayurvedic Store,
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...Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3089 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 08.05.2019. First appeal is dated 08.07.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 22.08.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.08.2020, last and final opportunity was given to the concerned respondent PIO to appear in person before the Commission on hearing, fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' with the directions to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant through a letter dated 11.03.2020, to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Harish Chand, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that after 23.08.2020 to till date, no Public Information Officer is designated in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot .

In the instant appeal-case file, no document is placed in the case-file, which shows that the required information has been given to the appellant.

Final opportunity is given to the concerned respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant through a letter dated 11.03.2020, to him by registered post with a copy to the Commission. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

As there should be a Public Information Officer in every department and for the period from 23.08.2020 till date, no official is posted/designated as Public Information Officer in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot as stated by Sh. Sanjeev Kumar today. It shows gross negligence or violation of RTI Act, 2005 by the concerned officials of office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, hence, further directions are given to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh to intimate that who is posted/designated as PIO in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 17.08.2020 be sent through registered post to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport with the advice to intervene into the matter for making functionaries of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot more sensitive and responsible towards the implementation of the RTI Act

A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 17.08.2020, also be sent through registered post to **Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab with the advice to take necessary steps to make the officials concerned more sensitive towards the implementation of the RTI Act to bring transparency in the functioning of public authority concerned.**

The case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Punjab

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Chandigarh |
| <u>(Regd. Post)</u>
<u>Encl : orders dated 17.08.2020</u> | ii) | The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Transport.,
Pb. Mini Sectt., Sector – 9,
Chandigarh |
| | iii) | The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh |



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

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer-cum-
Assistant Transport Officer,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3011 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 25.03.2019. First appeal is dated 26.04.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.08.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.08.2020, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 10.09.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him. As the respondent PIO concerned had not complied with the orders dated 20.01.2020 passed by the Commission, through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, hence, last and final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 20.01.2020 passed by the Commission by depositing penalty of Rs. 10,000/- which was imposed upon him. **A copy of this order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post to ensure compliance of the order dated 20.01.2020 passed by the Commission regarding penalty.**

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information has been supplied to the appellant and acknowledgement receipt dated 21.09.2020 signed by the appellant, has been sent to the Commission through an e-mail, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the required information.

In the instant appeal-case file, no document is placed in the case-file, which shows that that penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- (which was imposed upon Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot vide order dated 20.01.2020) has been paid.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, intimates the Commission that penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- could not be paid as after 23.08.2020 to till date, no Public Information Officer is designated in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot .

As per Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, Sh. Gurnam Singh was PIO when penalty was imposed and is presently posted as Assistant Transport Officer in the office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to ensure compliance of the order dated 20.01.2020 by deducting the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 20.01.2020) from the salary of Sh. Gurnam Singh. He also must give direction in this regard to the officer concerned, who deals with the payment of salaries of employees. The compliance of this order be ensured under intimation to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

As there should be a Public Information Officer in every department and for the period from 23.08.2020 till date, no official is posted/designated as Public Information Officer in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot as stated by Sh. Sanjeev Kumar today. It shows gross negligence or violation of RTI Act, 2005 by the concerned officials of office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, hence, further directions are given to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh to intimate that who is posted/designated as PIO in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 20.01.2020 be sent through registered post to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport with the advice to intervene into the matter for making functionaries of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot more sensitive and responsible towards the implementation of the RTI Act and also to ensure compliance of the order dated 20.01.2020 passed by the Commission regarding penalty, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot and to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellants, by the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 20.01.2020 also be sent through registered post to Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab with the advice to take necessary steps to make the officials concerned more sensitive towards the implementation of the RTI Act to bring transparency in the functioning of public authority concerned.

The case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Pb. Civil Sectt., Sector – 9, Chandigarh

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Encl : orders dated 20.01.2020

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Encl : orders dated 20.01.2020

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...Appellant

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3009 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 11.03.2019. First appeal is dated 26.04.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.08.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 17.08.2020, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 10.09.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the required information. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him. As the respondent PIO concerned had not complied with the orders dated 20.01.2020 passed by the Commission, through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, hence, last and final opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 20.01.2020 passed by the Commission by depositing penalty of Rs. 10,000/- which was imposed upon him. **A copy of this order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post to ensure compliance of the order dated 20.01.2020 passed by the Commission regarding penalty.**

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the required information has been supplied to the appellant and acknowledgement receipt dated 21.09.2020 signed by the appellant, has been sent to the Commission through an e-mail, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the required information.

In the instant appeal-case file, no document is placed in the case-file, which shows that that penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- (which was imposed upon Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot vide order dated 20.01.2020) has been paid.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, intimates the Commission that penalty amount of Rs. 10,000/- could not be paid as after 23.08.2020 to till date, no Public Information Officer is designated in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot .

As per Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, Sh. Gurnam Singh was PIO when penalty was imposed and is presently posted as Assistant Transport Officer in the office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh.

Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to ensure compliance of the order dated 20.01.2020 by deducting the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 20.01.2020) from the salary of Sh. Gurnam Singh. He also must give direction in this regard to the officer concerned, who deals with the payment of salaries of employees. The compliance of this order be ensured under intimation to the Commission by the next date of hearing.

As there should be a Public Information Officer in every department and for the period from 23.08.2020 till date, no official is posted/designated as Public Information Officer in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot as stated by Sh. Sanjeev Kumar today. It shows gross negligence or violation of RTI Act, 2005 by the concerned officials of office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, hence, further directions are given to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh to intimate that who is posted/designated as PIO in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot, by the next date of hearing.

A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 20.01.2020 be sent through registered post to Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport with the advice to intervene into the matter for making functionaries of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot more sensitive and responsible towards the implementation of the RTI Act and also to ensure compliance of the order dated 20.01.2020 passed by the Commission regarding penalty, which was imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot and to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, by the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

A copy of this order alongwith orders dated 20.01.2020 also be sent through registered post to Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab with the advice to take necessary steps to make the officials concerned more sensitive towards the implementation of the RTI Act to bring transparency in the functioning of public authority concerned.

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to Government of Punjab,
Pb. Civil Sectt., Sector – 9, Chandigarh

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Encl : orders dated 20.01.2020

ii) The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Transport.,
Pb. Mini Sectt., Sector – 9, Chandigarh

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iii) The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
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Rajesh Kumar,
Ward No. 5, Near Hind Hospital,
Ahmedgarh, Distt. - Sangrur (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s

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

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 369 of 2019

Present : Sh. Rajesh Kumar, the complainant in person.
Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 24.01.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 10.04.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.08.2020, last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to remove the deficiencies, pointed out by the complainant through letter dated 21.01.2020, with a copy to the Commission. The complainant was advised to confirm whether he has received the information or not.

The complainant, Sh. Rajesh Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the remaining information till date.

Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary, who appeared in person in today's hearing, seeks an adjournment in this case so that complete information could be supplied to the complainant.

The complainant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 19.10.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the remaining information and Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary is directed to remain present in the office on 19.10.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to hand over the remaining information to the complainant.

The complainant is advised to confirm whether he has received the information or not by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 11th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Date : 14th October, 2020

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Deepak Bholewasia S/o Sh. Surender Kumar,
Mamdote Utter,
Teh. & Distt. - Ferozepur (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, Pb.,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

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Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary, in person.

ORDER

Heard through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.

The RTI request is dated 18.08.2019. First appeal is dated 30.09.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.12.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.08.2020, another opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 17.09.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him.

The appellant, Sh. Deepak Bholewasia, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information sought for by the appellant is for the period from 01.01.2018 to 15.08.2019 and voluminous in nature, hence, seeks an adjournment in this case so that complete information could be supplied to the appellant.

The appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO on 10.11.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the required information. He is also advised to confirm whether he has received the information or not and also 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 11th January, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

(Sanjiv Garg)

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