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Sh. Ashwani Chawla, (99144-05765)

Bureau Chief, SachKahoon,

R/o House No. 2872, B,

Sector – 42, Chandigarh.

.....Complainant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,

O/o General Administration,

Punjab Civil Secretariat-1,

Accounts -1 Branch,

Chandigarh.

.....Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 122 of 2020**

Present:- None, on behalf of the applicant.

Shri Maninderjit Singh, Senior Assistant, (M 7340828383) on behalf of the respondent-PIO.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.3.2020 vide which the respondent PIO was granted an opportunity to supply the complete information before the next date of hearing i.e. 4.5.2020. But the case could not be heard due to Covid 19 Pandemic and was adjourned to 15.6.2020.

1. The applicant has sent an email dated 15.6.2020 to the Commission in which it has been stated that the concerned PIO has supplied the complete information sought by him. He further stated in his email that he is fully satisfied with the information provided by the respondent and requested to dispose of the case.
2. The representative of the respondent PIO states that the information has been supplied to the complainant and he is satisfied. He requested to dispose off the case.
3. Since the information has been supplied by the respondent to the appellant to his satisfaction. No further cause of action is left in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Dated: 15.6.2020

Sd/-

(Suresh Arora)

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Sh. Nachatar Singh S/o Sh. Hamir Singh,  
R/o Village –KuthaKheri,  
Tehsil –Rajpura, (99886-54758)  
District- Patiala.

.....Appellant

**Vs**

Shri Jai Bhagwan,  
Panchayats Secretary  
o/o Block Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Block – ShambuKalan, Tehsil Rajpura,  
District- Patiala.

(Regd.)

First Appellate Authority,  
O/o District Development & Panchayat Officer,  
Mini Secretariat, Patiala.

..... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 243 of 2020**

Present: Sh. Nachatar Singh, appellant.  
None on behalf of the respondents.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with the reference to the previous order date 18.3.2020 vide which the respondents were given the last opportunity for their absence and were directed to provide the requisite information to the appellant before the next date of hearing, failing which punitive action under the provisions of RTI Act, 2005 would be initiated against him and the case was adjourned to 8.4.2020. But the case could not be heard on the said date due to Covid-19 Pandemic and further adjourned to 15.6.2020.

1 The appellant states that no information has been provided by the respondents even after the lapse of around seven months.

2. The respondents are absent today without intimation of the Commission and nothing has been heard from him regarding the supply of the information to the appellant.

3. After hearing the appellant and going through the record of the case file, it is revealed that no information has been supplied by the respondents since filing the RTI application dated 16.10.2019. Also the respondents are not attending the Commission consecutively 4<sup>th</sup> time. Thus, viewing the absence of the Sh. Jai Bhagwan, Panchayat Secretary o/o BDPO Block –Shambu Kalan Tehsil Rajpura, Distt. Patiala seriously, the PIO is, thus, issued a show cause notice to explain in a self-attested affidavit as to why a penalty @ Rs.250/- per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25000/- till the complete information is furnished, be not imposed under Section 20(1) of RTI Act, 2005 on his for causing willful delay/denial of the information to the RTI applicant.

4. In addition to the written reply, the PIO is also 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 take note that in case, he does not file his written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex parte.

5. The respondent-Public Information Officer is also directed to supply the complete information before the next date of hearing.

6. To come up on 7.7.2020 at 11.30 A.M. at Chandigarh.

Dated: 15.6.2020

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Sh. BhupinderPunj,  
r/o # 186, village Luhara,  
District Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer,  
o/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Mohali

First Appellate Authority  
o/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.  
SCO 177-78, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Sector 17,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3759 of 2019**

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Dharminder Singh, Steno (M 9501433900) on behalf of the  
respondents.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 12.3.2020 vide which the appellant was advised to revert back to the authorities, in case of deficiencies in the information sent to him before the next date of hearing i.e. 30.3.2020. The hearing was adjourned to 15.6.2020 due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

2. The appellant has sent an email stating therein that he is suffering from fever and cannot attend today's hearing and wants adjournment of the case. He has not mentioned any deficiencies in the information supplied by the respondents.

3. The representative of the respondents states the information has already been provided to him vide their letter no.195 dated 13.1.2020. He further states that the attested photo copies of information regarding challan of the commercial vehicles by Assistant Transport Officer, Mohali for the period of 11.3.2019 to 20.3.2019 as directed by the Commission has been sent to the appellant by registered post vide letter no. 530 dated 25.2.2020. He further submits the copy of letter, which is taken on record. In addition to the above, he further states that the appellant has not reverted back to point out any deficiencies in the information provided so far. He requests to dispose of the case.

4. After hearing the representative of the respondents, it is ascertained that the information has been provided to the appellant and he has not pointed out any deficiencies, in the information so supplied to him. Since no deficiencies are being supplied by the appellant, hence, the case is disposed of and closed. However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within 15 days from the issue of this order, if he wants to submit any deficiency in the information provided to him by the respondents.

Dated:15.6.2020

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Regional Transport Authority,  
Mohali

First Appellate Authority  
o/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.  
SCO 177-78, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Sector 17,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3769 of 2019**

Present:- None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Dharminder Singh, Steno(M 9501433900) on behalf of the  
respondents.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with the previous order dated 12.3.2020 vide which the appellant was advised to revert back to the authorities, in case of deficiencies in the information sent to him before next date of hearing i.e., 30.3.2020. The hearing was adjourned to 15.6.2020, due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

2. The appellant has sent an email stating therein that he is suffering from fever and cannot attend today's hearing and wants adjournment of the case. He has not mentioned any deficiencies in the information supplied by the respondents.

3. The representative of the respondents states the information has already been provided to him vide their letter no. 23 dated 03.1.2020 and vide their letter no. 521 dated 25.2.2020. He further states that the appellant has been provided information sought in point no. 8 of his RTI application that it is related to third party and hence cannot be provided. He further states that the appellant has not reverted back to point out any deficiencies in the information provided so far. He requests to dispose of the case.

4. After hearing the representative of the respondents, it is ascertained that the information has been provided to the appellant and he has not pointed out any deficiencies, in the information so supplied to him. Since no deficiencies are being supplied by the appellant, hence, the case is disposed of and closed. However, the liberty is granted to the appellant to approach the Commission within 15 days from the issue of this order, if he wants to submit any deficiency in the information provided to him by the respondents.

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Sh. Manga Singh S/o Sh. Gurdial Singh,

R/o RoneUcha, (77172-32057)

Tehsil & District –Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,

O/o Panchayat Secretary, RoneUcha,

C/o Block Development &Panchayat Officer,

Fatehgarh Sahib.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Deputy Commissioner,

Administrative Complex, Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 4205 of 2019**

Present:-

Sh. Manga Singh,appellant.

Sh. Rajinder Singh,Panchayat Secretary (M 9781372372) and Iqbal Singh,  
Panchayat Secretary, (M 9876767022) on behalf of the respondents.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 18.3.2020 vide which the respondents were directed to comply with the order dated 10.2.2020 and send the compliance report to the Commission after paying the compensation of Rs 5000/- through bank draft and deposit Rs 5000/- as penalty amount in the Government Treasury before the next date of hearing i.e. 9.4.2020. The case could not be heard due to Covid-19 Pandemic and was adjourned to 15.6.2020.

2. The appellant stated that no information has been provided to him and the amount of compensation has also not been paid.

3. The representatives of the respondents tenders their apology for having not appeared in last hearing due to the communication gap as they have not received the intimation regarding the date fixed in time. However, they further stated that they have brought the complete information along the bank draft bearing no. 18522 dated 12.6.2020 amounting to Rs.10,000/- issued by the Central Bank of India. They supplied the complete information along with the bank draft during the course of hearing. After going through the information by the appellant during the course of hearing, the appellant shows his satisfaction. The representative of the respondents stated that since the complete information has been supplied, according to the satisfaction of the appellant along with the compensation, the penalty amount may be withdrawn as per their submissions.

4. After hearing both the parties it transpires that the respondents have supplied the complete information to the satisfaction of the appellant along with the compensation of Rs 10000/-. Since no more cause is left regarding providing the information their request to withdraw the penalty is accepted and the order of penalty imposed vide order dated 10.2.2020 is hereby withdrawn with the directions to be careful in future while dealing with the RTI application. Since, no more cause of action is left in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed.

Sd/

Dated:15.6.2020

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Regional Transport Authority,  
Sangrur

First Appellate Authority  
o/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.  
SCO 177-78, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Sector 17,  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3762 of 2019**

Present:- None on behalf of the parties.

**ORDER**

Since, both the parties are absent. The case may be adjourned to 24.7.2020 at 11.30 AM to be heard through Video Conference Facility available at the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur.

Dated: 15.6.2020

Sd/  
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Sh. J. J. Singh,

R/o House No. 120,

Mayur Vihar, Sector -48,

Chandigarh.

.....Appellant

**Vs**

Public Information Officer,

O/o Under Secretary,

General Administration, East. Branch- 1,

Punjab civil Secretariat -1,

Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Chief Secretary to Govt.,

Secretariat Administration,

Punjab civil Secretariat -1,

Chandigarh.

..... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 799 of 2020**

Present:-

Shri J.J. Singh, appellant along with Shri HC Kaushal, Advocate.

Mrs Simar Preet, APIO-cum-Senior Assistant (M 9988444535) on behalf of the respondents.

**ORDER**

This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.3.2020 vide which the directions were issued to the respondents to submit the response regarding the latest status of application /complaint filed by the appellant dated 10.10.2018 before the next date of hearing i.e. 9.4.2020. The case was not heard on the said date and was adjourned to 15.6.2020 due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

1. Appellant states that no information has been supplied by the respondents pertaining to his RTI application dated 22.10.2019.
2. Representative of the respondents submitted a letter 08-34-2019-3A1/417 dated 15.6.2020 written to the Commission with a copy to the appellant vide which the action taken report has been supplied. Copy of the same is taken on record and the copy of the same has been handed over to the appellant during the course of hearing. The representative of the respondents states that the compliance of order of the Commission dated 19.3.2020 has been made by informing him the latest position on the complaint of the appellant that it is pending with the Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala.
3. After hearing both the parties and going through the letter submitted by the respondents, it is revealed that the respondents have supplied the status of the complaint, which is pending with the Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala. Since, no more cause of action is left in this case, hence, the case is disposed of and closed. However, the Public Authority is advised to be more pro-active in such type of RTI cases and also a reminder may be issued to the Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala for the early decision on the matter.

Sd/-

Dated:15.6.2020

(Suresh Arora)

Chief Information Commissioner,  
Punjab.