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Shri Balwinder Singh Laddi,
Whistle Blower,
H.No.418, Street No.5,
Mohalla Nanaksar,
Tehdi Road, Shimlapuri,
Ludhiana-141003.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1330 of 2020

ORDER:

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Shri Sarabjit Singh Gill,
H.No.60-35-P-376-1, St.No.8,
Maha Singh Nagar,
PO Dhandari Kalan,
Ludhiana-141014.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.1332 of 2020

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Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan,
H.No.7, G.K. Vihar,
Manakwal, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority-cum-
State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.1372 of 2020

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.01.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard through Video Conferencing in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. It has been informed that the slots of both the service providing companies i.e. Pawan and NIC have been allotted for the meeting to be taken by the Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab and the Central Information Commission, Delhi, as such, the hearing through V.C. cannot be held.
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Shri Gulshan Kumar,
1525/1, Street No.33,
Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

AC No.2363 of 2020

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.01.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard through Video Conferencing in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. It has been informed that the slots of both the service providing companies i.e. Pawan and NIC have been allotted for the meeting to be taken by the Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab and the Central Information Commission, Delhi, as such, the hearing through V.C. cannot be held.
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Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation(O/M Cell),
Zone-D, Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

AC No.2364 of 2020

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.01.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard through Video Conferencing in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. It has been informed that the slots of both the service providing companies i.e. Pawan and NIC have been allotted for the meeting to be taken by the Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab and the Central Information Commission, Delhi, as such, the hearing through V.C. cannot be held.
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Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

AC No.2365 of 2020

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.01.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard through Video Conferencing in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. It has been informed that the slots of both the service providing companies i.e. Pawan and NIC have been allotted for the meeting to be taken by the Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab and the Central Information Commission, Delhi, as such, the hearing through V.C. cannot be held.
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Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Ludhiana.

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

....Respondents

AC No.2366 of 2020

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.01.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard through Video Conferencing in D.C. Office, Ludhiana. It has been informed that the slots of both the service providing companies i.e. Pawan and NIC have been allotted for the meeting to be taken by the Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab and the Central Information Commission, Delhi, as such, the hearing through V.C. cannot be held.
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Shri Sarabjit Singh
S/o Late Shri Harbans Singh,
H.No.292, Nagar Improvement
Trust Colony, Scheme No.5,
Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

Public Information Officer
Sadar Kanungo Branch
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

AC No.3117 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant – absent.
(ii) Shri Anil Kumar, Superintendent/APIO, O/o D.C. Gurdaspur
on behalf of PIO/Respondent.

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing/ on Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.01.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Gurdaspur. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Anil Kumar, Superintendent/APIO O/o D.C. Gurdaspur comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant by Naib Tehsildar, Kahnuwan as well as by the Sadar Kanungo Branch of D.C. Office, Gurdaspur on 12.03.2021 by registered post and the same has also been sent to the appellant on his WhatsApp number.
4. Shri Sarabjit Singh, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he is not able to give any tenable reason for his absence from the hearing. He states that he has not received the information yet. He, however, admits that he has received the information on his WhatsApp number and he can only comment on the veracity of information on getting the hard copy of information. The case as such is adjourned.



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AC No.3117/2020

5. The PIO, O/o D.C. Office and the PIO, Sadar Kanungo Branch of D.C. Office, are directed to bring along the relevant official records on the next hearing and produce before the Bench.

6. The PIOs concerned are also directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.3117 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be also brought along for handing over to the appellant during the hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.06.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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S/o Late Shri Harbans Singh,
H.No.292, Nagar Improvement
Trust Colony, Scheme No.5,
Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

....Respondents

AC No.3116 of 2020

Present: (i) **Appellant – absent.**
(ii) **Shri Anil Kumar, Superintendent/APIO, O/o D.C. Gurdaspur
on behalf of PIO/Respondent.**

ORDER:

(Heard through Video Conferencing/ on Mobile Phone)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.01.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through V.C. in D.C. Office, Gurdaspur. The appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Anil Kumar, Superintendent/APIO O/o D.C. Gurdaspur comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17.03.2020.
4. Shri Sarabjit Singh, appellant is contacted on mobile phone. On the asking of the Bench, he is not able to give any tenable reason for his absence from the hearing. He states that he met the Superintendent Shri Anil Kumar who showed him letter dated 17.03.2020 addressed to him and gave him photocopy of the same. He alleges that the letter has been shown having been sent to him by putting a despatch number. He further states that as per letter, Sr.No.1 to 6 of his RTI application have been stated to be not available in the records of Branch and from Sr.No.7 to 9, 46 pages have been stated to be enclosed, whereas the said information has not been received by him. The matter is as such adjourned.



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AC No.3116/2020

5. The PIO, O/o D.C. Office, Gurdaspur is directed to bring along the relevant official records on the next hearing and produce before the Bench.

6. The PIOs concerned are also directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.3116 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be also brought along for handing over to the appellant during the hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.06.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Parveen Kumar Sayal,
Partner, Sayal & Company,
Octroi Contractor,
Sayal Street, Sirhind-140406
District Fatehgarh Sahib.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies, Ludhiana.

....Respondents

AC No.3227 of 2020

Present:

(i)	Shri N.K.Sayal, on behalf of the appellant
(ii)	Shri Gurdeep Singh, Superintendent/PIO, O/o Regional Deputy Director Urban Local Bodies, Ludhiana.
(iii)	Shri Devinder Singh, Junior Assistant O/o Municipal Council, Sirhind.

ORDER:

(Heard through Cisco Webex)

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 28.12.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Cisco Webex. Shri N.K. Sayal has come present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex on behalf of Shri Parveen Kumar Sayal, appellant.
3. Shri Gurdeep Singh, Superintendent/PIO comes present to attend the hearing through Cisco Webex. On the asking of the Bench, the PIO states that the appellant had visited their office for inspection of records and the information on Points No.1 & 2 has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 21.01.2020 by ordinary post and for Points No.3 to 6, the Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sirhind has been asked to supply the same as the said information relates to them.
4. On the asking of Bench, the representative of appellant Sh.N.K.Sayal admits the receipt of information on Points No.1 & 2. But he alleges that the remaining information is available with the PIO but he is evading supply of the same. He further points out that he has also pointed out deficiencies which have not been addressed so far.



5. On the asking of the Bench, Shri Gurdeep Singh, Superintendent refutes the allegation of the appellant and states that the information as available in their office has been supplied. He also informs that an official from Municipal Council, Sirhind is also available for attending the hearing. Then, Shri Devinder Singh is asked to comment regarding the supply of information on remaining four points. He states that a similar appeal case was heard by the Ld. Bench of Shri Hem Inder Singh in AC No.3228 of 2020 and the same information has been supplied to the appellant in that case and an affidavit has also been filed in the said case.

6. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sirhind to supply the same information to the appellant as supplied in AC No.3228 of 2020. After supplying the requisite information, the PIOs of O/o Deputy Director, Regional Director, Urban Local Bodies, Ludhiana and the PIO O/o Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sirhind, District Fatehgarh Sahib are directed to bring along all the relevant official records and produce before the Bench on the next hearing. They are 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 information as available in the official records in AC No.3227 of 2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit along with a photocopy of the same be also brought along on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.06.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's Office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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New Vishnupuri Road,
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Director, State Transport
Department, Punjab,
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.2298 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Appellant in person before the Bench.**
(ii) **Shri Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh, in person before the Bench.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 10.02.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.

2. The case has been heard today. The appellant Shri Sanjeev Kumar has come present in person before the Bench. He states that he has received Rs.3100/- refund from the PIO, as per directions of the Bench.

3. Shri Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab attends the hearing before the Bench in person. Shri Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant states that as per directions of the Bench, the appellant has been supplied entire information.

4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that he has pointed out certain deficiencies and also states that he had sought information regarding one Shri Charanjit Singh Kler of the office of Director, State Transport which has been denied on the ground of personal information. Upon this Bench clarifies to him that the information asked for relating to an individual is a third party information and it is not related to any public activity or interest. It has been rightly denied to him and the Bench agrees with the contention of the PIO. However, the balance of the deficiencies pointed out by him will be addressed.

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AC No.2298/2020

5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to address the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant before the next hearing. The representative of the PIO assures to address the said deficiencies.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.06.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of order be sent to the concerned parties.

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PO Netaji Nagar, Salem Tabri
Ludhiana, District Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

First Appellate Authority-cum-
O/o Principal Secretary,
Transport Department, Punjab,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,
Sector-9, Chandigarh.

Public Information Officer
O/o Secretary, Regional
Transport Authority,
Jalandhar.

....Respondents

AC No.2348 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant- absent
(ii) Shri Gurbax Singh, APIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh in person
before the Bench, on behalf of the PIO.

ORDER:

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 04.01.2021 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today in Commission's office at Chandigarh. Shri Bharat Bhushan Mattu, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing. He has, however, sent a letter dated 05.03.2021 stating that he is undergoing treatment due to a chronic disease at PGIMER, Chandigarh due to which he is unable to attend the hearing. He further states that he had pointed out certain deficiencies to the PIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh which have not been addressed so far.
3. Shri Gurbax Singh, APIO, O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh comes present in person before the Bench. He states that the information concerned with the office of S.T.C., Punjab, comprising 18 pages, has been sent to the appellant on 16.03.2021 and produces a postal receipt for

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having sent the information by registered post. He also states that the information regarding Points No.1 to 7 has to be supplied by the PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Jalandhar, who has been directed to supply the information vide letter dated 12.03.2021.

4. The Bench observes that the PIO O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar who was impleaded as respondent No.2 on the previous hearing, has not supplied the rectified information, after removing deficiencies, to the appellant and has also failed to attend the hearing before the Bench. It is viewed adversely.

5. The PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Jalandhar is directed to comply with the directions of the Bench as also to attend the hearing in person before the Bench along with PIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Chandigarh in Commission's Office at Chandigarh, failing which penal consequences shall follow.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 02.06.2021 at 11.30 AM in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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17.03.2021**

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