



Shakti Bhushan
S/o Sh. Kewal Krishan,
Street Bhani Sahib, Ward No. 8,
Dhanaula, Distt. Barnala -148105 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3005 of 2019

Present : Sh. Shakti Bhushan, the appellant in person.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 08.12.2018. First appeal is dated 11.03.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.08.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.10.2020, last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request. An opportunity was also given to the appellant 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. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Motor Vehicle Registration Department of office of Regional Transport Authority, Patiala, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has not received the required information in the instant appeal-case till date.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after the directions were given by the Commission vide orders dated 21.10.2020.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

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The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services
Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services
Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services
60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Last and final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request, by the next date of hearing positively.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He is also advised 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 26th April, 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 : 18th January, 2021

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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Shakti Bhushan
S/o Sh. Kewal Krishan,
Street Bhani Sahib, Ward No. 8,
Dhanaula,
Distt. Barnala -148105 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1297 of 2019

Present : Sh. Shakti Bhushan, the appellant in person.
Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary-cum-PIO, in person.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 08.11.2018. First appeal is dated 19.12.2018. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.04.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.10.2020, the appellant stated that he received the required information in the instant appeal case. Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina also intimated the Commission that Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu was PIO when the RTI application was moved by the appellant and retired from his service. As far as information is concerned that is already supplied in this case. A copy of this order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to deduct the penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 18.12.2019) from the pension of Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu (who is retired).

Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary-cum-PIO, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that complete information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the required information in the instant appeal case.

On the earlier hearing held on 21.10.2020, a copy of the order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to ensure compliance of the order dated 18.12.2019 by deducting the penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 18.12.2019) from the salary of Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu under intimation to the Commission but till date no document received showing that the penalty amount has been deposited/deducted.

Sh. Karanbir Singh Chhina, Secretary-cum-PIO, also states that Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu was PIO when the RTI application was moved by the appellant and retired from his service.

A copy of the order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to file a reply, in writing, specifying the reasons regarding the non-deposition of the penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 18.12.2019), by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 26th April, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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

(Regd. Post)

**The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh**

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V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Motor Vehicle Registration Department,
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot (Punjab)

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1304 of 2019

Present : Sh. Shakti Bhushan , 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 08.11.2018. First appeal is dated 07.01.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 03.04.2019.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.10.2020, the respondent PIO was directed to

- i) send a copy of the supplied information to the appellant in a pen-drive and also send a copy of the information (which has been given to the appellant) through mail to the Commission. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.
- ii) A copy of the order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to ensure compliance of the order dated 19.08.2020 by deducting the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 19.08.2020) from the salary of Sh. Gurnam Singh under intimation to the Commission.
- iii) 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, Clerk, directions were given to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh to intimate that who is posted/designated as PIO in the office of Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.
- iv) A copy of the order alongwith orders dated 19.08.2020 was 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 a copy of this order alongwith orders dated 19.08.2020 was also sent to 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.

Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant through an e-mail.

The appellant, Sh. Shakti Bhushan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO as copies of bills of purchase of tractors have not been given to him.

Nevertheless, the appellant is advised to visit the office of the respondent PIO to inspect the relevant official record on 29.01.2021 at 11:00 A. M. to collect the information.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information to the appellant during his visit to office on 29.01.2021 at 11:00 A. M..

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information, which would be supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (respondent-PIO concerned) will file a reply to the Commission with a copy to the appellant.

On the earlier hearing held on 21.10.2020, a copy of the order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to ensure compliance of the order dated 19.08.2020 by deducting the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 19.08.2020) from the salary of Sh. Gurnam Singh under intimation to the Commission but till date no document received showing that the penalty amount has been deposited/deducted.

On this, Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk, intimates the Commission that Sh. Gurnam Singh, Assistant Transport Officer, is under suspension.

A copy of the order was sent to State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh through registered post with the directions to file a reply, in writing, specifying the reasons regarding the non-deposition of the penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (which was imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 19.08.2020), by the next date of hearing.

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The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh

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Nakul Kakkar,
H. No. 24, Bank Colony,
Ferozpur City(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Engineer,
P. W. D. (B & R), Provincial Block No. – 1,
Block- C, Patiala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Superintending Engineer,
P. W. D. (B & R),
Provincial Division – 1, Patiala(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 678 of 2020

Present : Sh. Inder Mohan on behalf of the appellant.
None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 22.07.2019. First appeal is dated 03.09.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 06.02.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 21.10.2020, neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative was present. The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 6075 dated 19.08.2020, had intimated the Commission that a point-wise reply was sent to the appellant through registered post. Sh. Inder Mohan, who appeared for the appellant, intimated the Commission that the above-mentioned reply was not received by the appellant (vide letter no. 6075 dated 19.08.2020) from the respondent. The concerned respondent PIO was directed to send the above-mentioned reply given vide letter no. 6075 dated 19.08.2020 again to the appellant through registered post with a copy to the Commission. An opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he received the above-mentioned reply or not,

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 11163 dated 14.12.2020 signed by Executive Engineer, P. W. D. (B & R), Provincial Block No. – 1, Patiala, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 344 dated 06.01.2021, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. It is taken on record.

Sh. Inder Mohan, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Nakul Kakkar, in today's hearing, intimates the Commission that incomplete information has been supplied to the appellant by the respondent PIO as information regarding present designation of Sh. Parveen Kumar Saini, demanded at point no. 03 of the RTI request has not been provided.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the remaining information at point no. 03 of the RTI request, to the appellant through e-mail or registered post before the next date of hearing with a copy to the Commission.

The case is **adjourned to 26th April, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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P. S. :

Sh. Surinder Singh, Divisional Accounts Officer, who appeared for the respondent, after the hearing was over. He was read out the above order.

The case stands **adjourned to 26th April, 2021 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M. for hearing through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings'.**

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Trilochan Singh,
H. No. 848 – A, M.I.G,
Jamalpur Colony,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Principal Secretary to
Government of Punjab,
Department of Transport,
Pb. Mini Secretariat,
Sector 9, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Principal Secretary to
Government of Punjab,
Department of Transport,
Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 383 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Guralp Singh, APIO O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, for the
respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.10.2019. First appeal is dated 04.12.2019. Second
appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.11.2020, the Public Information
Officer office of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh was directed to
supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by
him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission. He was also directed to represent this
case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of
Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared. An
opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or
not. He was also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in
writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent
concerned.

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

Sh. Guralp Singh, APIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Chandigarh, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already
been supplied to the appellant on 15.01.2021 through registered post.

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As the information is sent by the respondent PIO to the appellant vide letter dated 15.01.2021 and probably the same would be received by the appellant within coming two or three days.

Nevertheless, an opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO to send a copy of the supplied information (which was sent to the appellant) to the Commission by the next date of hearing .

Last opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which was sent to him by the respondent PIO vide letter dated 15.01.2021 and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The appellant is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing to be held through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO and the case would be decided on merits.

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Jamalpur Colony,
Distt. - Ludhiana(Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
State Transport Department,
Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Director,
State Transport Department,
Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 381 of 2020

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, for the respondent.

ORDER

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

The RTI request is dated 04.10.2019. First appeal is dated 04.12.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.01.2020.

On the last date of hearing, held on 26.11.2020, Sh. Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant, stated that the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, hence, RTI request dated 04.10.2019 of the appellant was sent to PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh vide letter no. 3550 dated 13.11.2020 and as the information demanded by the appellant through RTI request, relates with office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, hence, Public Information Officer office of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh was impleaded as necessary party in this case. A copy of the order was sent to him alongwith RTI request with the directions to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through RTI request with a copy to the Commission. He was also directed to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing fixed through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' so that facts of this case could be cleared. An opportunity was also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

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

Sh. Gurpal Singh, APIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh, who appeared in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 5288 dated 05.03.2020 and again vide letter no. 5826 dated 13.03.2020.

He also intimates the Commission that a reply has also been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 1166 dated 12.01.2021, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1104 dated 14.01.2021, intimating that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 5288 dated 05.03.2020 and again vide letter no. 5826 dated 13.03.2020.. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

Last opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information and also to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The appellant is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing to be held through facility of Software/application 'CISCO Webex Meetings' or it would be assumed that the appellant has received the required information and is satisfied with the information supplied to him by the respondent PIO and the case would be decided on merits.

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