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**Sh. Rajinder Kumar (9646380671)**

S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,  
W.No. 2, Supreme Enclave,  
Near VishwkarmaBhawan,  
Link Road, Mansa

Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer**

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Mansa

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Regional Deputy Director,  
Local Govt. Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 700 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:**

(i) Rajinder Kumar, the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Daljeet Singh (EO) (6280200678).

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.05.2021 vide which both the parties were absent without any intimation to the Commission. A last and final opportunity was given to both the parties to represent this case on the next date of hearing, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 18.08.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Daljeet Singh states that requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant but appellant expresses his dissatisfaction and pointed out that incomplete information is supplied to him.
3. After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, respondent PIO is directed to furnish the complete information to the appellant as per RTI application within fifteen days under the intimation to the Commission.
4. Both the parties are advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis.
5. To come up on **02.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** through **CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Dated: 18.08.2021**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Smt. Paramjit Kaur (8437620004)**

W/o Sh. Tarsinder Singh  
R/O Mohalla Shankar Nagar,  
H.No.506/7, Near Gopal Shah Road,  
Tehsil & Distt. Gurdaspur 143521

Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

(Regd. Post) O/o DPI (SE), Pb., Mohali

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

(Regd. Post) O/o PPSC, H.O.  
Baradari Garden, Near Maharani Club,  
Patiala-147001, Punjab

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o DPI (SE), Pb., Mohali

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 731 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Smt. Paramjit Kaur, the appellant in person.  
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

## **ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.05.2021 vide which appellant, Smt. Paramjit Kaur states that requisite information is still pending.

Respondent PIO was not present but a letter no. 2021/31308-309 dated 19.04.2021 which was received in the Commission vide diary no. 9300 dated 26.04.2021 along with letter dated 06.11.2020, mentioning therein that reply has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 2020279441 dated 06.11.2020. This letter was taken on record. Respondent PIO, O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali was directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing positively. A copy of previous order was sent to him through registered post for his ready reference.

Respondent PIO, O/o PPSC was impleaded as a necessary party in this case. A copy of previous order was sent to him along with RTI application for his ready reference through registered post. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 18.08.2021 i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, appellant states that requisite information is still pending.

3. Respondent PIOs, O/o DPI (SE), Punjab, Mohali and PPSC, H.O, Baradari Garden, Near Maharani Club, Patiala-147001, Punjab are absent without any intimation despite being aware about the date of hearing. A final opportunity is given to them to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, failing to which serious consequences will be faced by the concerned respondent PIO as per RTI Act, 2005. A copy of this order be sent to them through registered post for their ready reference.

4. To come up on **02.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** through **CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties through **registered post**.

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**Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja, (9646546613)**

S/o Sh. Om Parkash,  
R/o Street No.2, Near ShaniMandir,  
Patel Nagar, Malout.

Appellant

Vs

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Commissioner Sales Tax, Patiala

Respondent

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Commissioner Sales Tax, Patiala

**Appeal Case No.: 745 of 2021**

**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:**

(i) Sh. Sandeep Kumar Maluja, the appellant in person.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Arshdeep Singh (ETO) (8872712950).

## **ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.05.2021 vide which it was observed that complete information is not exempted as per RTI Act, 2005. One more opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to go through the RTI application once again and supply the point-wise reply/information as per RTI Act to the appellant. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 18.08.2021 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that information in connection with point no. 4 and 5 is still pending and rest of the information is received.
3. Respondent, Sh. Arshdeep Singh is present is directed to supply the pending information in connection with point no. 4 and 5 to the appellant within fifteen days from today under the intimation to the Commission.
4. Both the parties are advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis.
5. To come up on **21.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M.** through **CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Dated: 18.08.2021**

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**Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur, (9872139640)**

D/o Sh. Pritpal Singh, VPO Gumtala,  
Opp. Govt Dispensary, Ward No 5,  
Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

**(Regd. Post) Sh. Dharminderjeet Singh (Public Information Officer)**  
O/o MC, Amritsar.

**(Regd. Post) Sh. Sushant Bhatia (Public Information Officer)**  
O/o Land Department,  
MC, Amritsar.

**(Regd. Post) Sh. Narinder Sharma (Public Information Officer)**  
O/o MTP,  
MC, Amritsar.

**(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority (By Name)**  
O/o Addl. Commissioner,  
MC, Amritsar.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.:242 of 2020**  
**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur, the appellant in person.  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Dharminderjeet Singh (EO) (9646004303) along with Sh. Kuljeet Singh (APIO, MTP Branch) (9815388860)

## **ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.05.2021 vide which appellant, Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur stated that demanded information is still pending.

Respondent PIO was absent without any intimation. A last and final opportunity was given to him with a strict warning to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow

*The perusal of the documents placed on record ascertains that the requisite information has not been provided to the Appellant till date and compensation cheque which was awarded to the appellant vide order of the Commission 16.12.2020 is also pending to be supplied. The Respondent has failed to file their reply to the Notices and Orders of the Commission. This is indeed a serious matter. It is, thus apparent from the response of the PIO that there has been delay in providing the information. There are systemic deficiencies in the manner of receiving and disposing of applications.*

A copy of previous order was also sent to the Addl. Commissioner, MC, Amritsar and the Nodal Officer, Sh., Vishal Wadhawan (9872749898) by names through registered post to comply with the Orders of the Commission in this present case before the next date of hearing. He is also advised to make sure that concerned respondent PIO to be present on the next date of hearing positively.

Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 18.08.2021 i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, appellant states that requisite information along with compensation cheque amounting Rs. 3,000/- is still pending.

**Appeal Case No.:242 of 2020**  
**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

3. On this, respondents request for an adjournment in this case and request the appellant to visit the respondent's office.
4. The appellant is directed to visit the office of respondent on **19.08.2021 (Thursday) at 11:00 AM, inspect** the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are required by her; and the respondent shall provide copies thereof, according to his RTI application, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Contact number of the respondent is provided to the appellant during the hearing.
5. After examining the case file, the appellant vide her original application dated 14.10.2019 had sought an information pertaining to action taken report with respect to her complaint. She admits that till date requisite information is pending to be supplied

The department was ordered to provide information, which it failed to provide in the last eight hearings held on 09.03.2020, 09.06.2020, 30.07.2020, 31.08.2020, 20.10.2020, 16.12.2020, 07.04.2021 and 19.05.2021 after the lapse of approximately 02 years.

Compensation amounting Rs. 3,000/- was awarded to the appellant vide order dated 16.12.2020, which is also pending to be supplied.

I am of the considered view that respondent PIO, O/o MC, Amritsar is making the mockery of RTI Act, 2005, which was came into existence for the transparency and accountability of the Public Authorities but this case is shuttling here and there without any specific reason.

Sh. Ashwani Kumar (XEN) (8054008123), Sh. Vishal Wadhawan (Nodal Officer) (9872749898), Sh. Sushant Bhatia (PIO) (9855278688), Sh. Satnam Singh (9872615738) presented this case earlier but this case is shuttling here and there without any specific reason.

6. The Commission observes that an ample time has already been awarded to the respondents to comply with the orders of the Commission and a last opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information along with compensation cheque to the appellant on her visit to the respondent's office on 19.08.2021, failing to which compensation will be enhanced, else face the penal consequences.
7. The Commission directed the Addl. Commissioner, MC, Amritsar to ensure compliance of the order before the next date of hearing.
8. To come up on **19.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application).  
Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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**Dated: 18.08.2021**

**Regd. Post**

**The Addl. Commissioner (By Name)**  
MC, Amritsar

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur, (9872139640)**

D/o Sh. Pritpal Singh, VPO Gumtala,

Opp. Govt Dispensary, Ward no. 5,

Amritsar.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

(Regd. Post)

O/o Commissioner, MC,

Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Commissioner, MC,

Amritsar

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 411 of 2020**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:**

(i) Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur, the appellant in person.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Dharminderjeet Singh (EO) (9646004303) along with Sh. Kuljeet Singh (APIO, MTP Branch) (9815388860)

## **ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.05.2021 vide which appellant, Ms. Kamaldeep Kaur states that demanded information is still pending.

Respondent PIO was absent without any intimation. A last and final opportunity was given to him with a strict warning to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow

A copy of previous order be also sent to the Commissioner, MC, Amritsar by name through registered post to comply with the Orders of the Commission in this present case before the next date of hearing. He was also advised to make sure that concerned respondent PIO to be present on the next date of hearing positively. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 18.08.2021 i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, appellant states that requisite information along with compensation cheque amounting Rs. 1,500/- is still pending.
3. On this, respondents request for an adjournment in this case and request the appellant to visit the respondent's office.
4. The appellant is directed to visit the office of respondent on **19.08.2021 (Thursday) at 11:00 AM,** **inspect** the relevant records, identify the documents copies whereof are required by her; and the respondent shall provided copies thereof, according to his RTI application, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. Contact number of the respondent is provided to the appellant during the hearing.
5. After examining the case file, the appellant vide her original application dated 31.10.2019 had sought an information pertaining to action taken report with respect to her complaint. She admits that till date requisite information is pending to be supplied.

**Appeal Case No.: 411 of 2020**  
**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

6. The department was ordered to provide information, which it failed to provide in the last eight hearings held on 08.07.2020, 30.07.2020, 31.08.2020, 20.10.2020, 16.12.2020, 07.04.2021 and 19.05.2021 after the lapse of approximately 02 years. Only two hearings were attended by the respondents; Sh. Iqbal Singh Randhawa, PIO (dated 31.08.2020) and Sh. Kuljit Singh, Building Inspector (dated 07.04.2021).
7. Compensation amounting Rs. 1,500/- was awarded to the appellant vide order dated 16.12.2020, which is also pending to be supplied.
8. I am of the considered view that respondent PIO, O/o MC, Amritsar is making the mockery of RTI Act, 2005, which was came into existence for the transparency and accountability of the Public Authorities but this case is shuttling here and there without any specific reason.
9. The Commission observes that an ample time has already been awarded to the respondents to comply with the orders of the Commission and a last opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO to supply the complete information along with compensation cheque to the appellant on her visit to the respondent's office on 19.08.2021, failing to which compensation will be enhanced, else face the penal consequences.
10. The Commission directed the Commissioner, MC, Amritsar to ensure compliance of the order before the next date of hearing.
11. To come up on **19.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application).  
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**The Commissioner (By Name)**  
MC, Amritsar

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Tejinder Singh (9041004313)** Appellant  
Advocate Civil Court,  
Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kender,  
Phillaur 144410

Versus

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer (By Name)**  
O/o Member Secy,  
State Transport Punjab, Chandigarh

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(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority (By Name)** Respondent  
O/o Deputy State Transport Commission,  
Chandigarh.

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**Appeal Case No.: 1013 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh, the appellant in person.  
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 19.05.2021 vide which respondent, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur stated information in connection with point no. 1 is a third party and denied by the third parties to supply their information. She added that reply relate with point no. 2 has already been sent to the appellant vide letter no. 24950 dated 05.11.2020. She further mentioned that an email dated 22.06.2021, in this regard is also sent to the undersigned bench, which was received and taken on record.

On this, appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh stated that he has sent a letter (Ref. No. 1721) to the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab regarding 'ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਟਰਾਂਸਪੋਰਟ ਸੇਸਾਇਟੀ ਦੇ ਪੀ.ਆਈ.ਓ. ਅਤੇ ਫਸਟ ਅਪੀਲੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਘੋਸ਼ਿਤ ਕਾਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਸੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਪਾਲਣਾ ਕਾਰਨ ਹਿੱਤ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ' dated 27.06.2020. He further added that a letter (Memo No. PSIC/Legal/2020/253 dated 06.07.2020) with the approval of Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner, Punjab has also been sent to the Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Transport Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh for compliance. He submits copies of letter no. 1721 dated 27.06.2020 and Memo No. PSIC/Legal/2020/253 dated 06.07.2020, which are taken on record.

He also mentioned that respondent PIO, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur is the PIO of the office of STC, Punjab, Chandigarh instead of office of Member Secretary, STC, Punjab, Chandigarh.



**Appeal Case No.: 1013 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

It was observed that RTI application was filed by the appellant to the respondent PIO, O/o Member Secretary, STC, Punjab, Chandigarh. A copy of previous order dated 22.06.2021 along with documents submitted by the appellant were sent to the respondent PIO through registered post for his ready reference. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 18.08.2021 i.e. today.

2. In today's hearing, nobody has joined meeting from the office of Respondent PIO, Member Secretary, STC, Punjab, Chandigarh which shows department's casual attitude towards the Orders of the Commission. One more opportunity is awarded to the concerned respondent PIO to appear in person on the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to the respondent PIO along with documents submitted by the appellant (Memo No. PSIC/Legal/2020/253 dated 06.07.2020 and Ref. No. 1721 dated 27.06.2020) on the previous hearing held on 22.06.2021 through **registered post** for his ready reference.
3. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority by name through **registered post** to look into the matter and make sure respondent PIO from the concerned office may attend the hearing on the next date.
4. To come up on **02.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.  
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