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Narinder Singh Saggu, H. No. T- 4/17, Ranjit Sagar Dam Colony, ShahpurKandi Township - 145029, Teh. & Distt. - Pathankot (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Pathankot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Pathankot (Punjab)

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 3117 of 2019

Present: Sh. Narinder Singh Saggu, the appellant in person.

- i) Sh. Paramjot Singh, S. D. O.-cum-APIO;
- ii) Sh. Mehar Singh, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

The RTI request is dated 08.02.2019. First appeal is dated 29.04.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 26.08.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Narinder Singh Saggu, who appeared in person in today's hearing states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Sh. Paramjot Singh, S. D. O.-cum-APIO and Sh. Mehar Singh, Junior Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, state that the information sought for by the appellant, Sh. Narinder Singh Saggu through his RTI request could not supplied to him as it is 'third party' information.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 727 dated 26.04.2019 has informed the appellant about this fact that the information sought for by him is 'third party' information and an order has also been passed by the First Appellate Authority on 30.09.2019 declaring that the information sought for by him is 'third party' information. Copies of the same are placed in the case-file

After going through the queries raised by the appellant, Sh. Narinder Singh Saggu through his RTI request, it is found that the information sought for by him is not 'third party' information, hence, be supplied to him.

The respondent-PIO is directed either to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per his queries raised by him through his RTI request by or on the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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... Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, Distt. -Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 3648 of 2019

V/s

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

The RTI request is dated 21.09.2019. First appeal is dated 26.09.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 09.10.2019.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, through a letter dated 18.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1011 dated 17.12.2019, signed by Public Information Officer-cum- Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, another opportunity is given to the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative, on the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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Sumeet Saini, H. No. 31, Saingarh, Pathankot (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Senior Supdt. of Police, Pathankot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Inspector Gen. of Police, Border Range, Amritsar (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3788 of 2019

Present: Sh. Sumeet Saini, the appellant in person.

Sh. Sulakhan Singh, A. S. I., on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

The RTI request is dated Nil. First appeal is dated Nil. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 17.10.2019.

Sh. Sulakhan Singh, A. S. I., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sumeet Saini.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 292 dated 14.12.2019 signed by Senior Supdt. of Police-cum- Public Information Officer, Pathankot, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 24090 dated 16.12.2019, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Sumeet Saini, who appeared in person in today's hearing, points out certain deficiencies through letter dated 18.12.2019 and hands over the same to the representative of the respondent during the hearing. A copy of the same is taken on record.

An opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the appellant during the hearing, to him by 15.01.2019.

The case is <u>adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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V/s



Rohit Sabharwal, Kundan Bhawan, 126, Model Gram, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

**Public Information Officer**,

**O/o** The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2207 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Inderjit Singh, Draftsman, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.10.2019 and the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to file a written-reply in an affidavit explaining the delay made in supplying the requisite information to appellant in reply to the show cause notice, which was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act.

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, authorised representative for the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabharwal, through a letter dated 12.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the sought information has been provided by the respondent PIO and also requested that her personal appearance be exempted from today's hearing. It is taken on record.

In compliance to the order dated 21.10.2019, Sh. Inderjit Singh, Draftsman, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply dated 21.11.2019 in an affidavit has already been given to the appellant. He also submits a copy of reply dated 21.11.2019, signed by Nodal Officer, Building and Drawing-cum-Municipal Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, in response to the show cause issued to the concerned PIO vide orders dated 21.10.2019, which is taken on record .

After going through the written-submission dated 21.11.2019 in an affidavit, which has been submitted by Sh. Inderjit Singh, Draftsman, in reply to the show cause issued to the concerned PIO vide orders dated 21.10.2019 and finding it genuine, the show cause issued to the concerned PIO is dropped.

As the representative of the appellant through a letter dated 12.12.2019, has also acknowledged that he has received the requisite information, no cause of action is required to be taken in this case, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

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Rohit Sabharwal, Kundan Bhawan, 126, Model Gram, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Zone-A, Ludhiana(Punjab)
First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2208 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Inderjit Singh, Draftsman, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.10.2019 and the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to file a written-reply in an affidavit explaining the delay made in supplying the requisite information to appellant in reply to the show cause notice, which was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act .

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, authorised representative for the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabharwal, through a letter dated 12.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the sought information has been provided by the respondent PIO and also requested that her personal appearance be exempted from today's hearing. It is taken on record.

In compliance to the order dated 21.10.2019, Sh. Inderjit Singh, Draftsman, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that a reply dated 21.11.2019 in an affidavit has already been given to the appellant. He also submits a copy of reply dated 21.11.2019, signed by Nodal Officer, Building and Drawing-cum-Municipal Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, in response to the show cause issued to the concerned PIO vide orders dated 21.10.2019, which is taken on record.

After going through the written-submission dated 21.11.2019 in an affidavit, which has been submitted by Sh. Inderjit Singh, Draftsman, in reply to the show cause issued to the concerned PIO vide orders dated 21.10.2019 and finding it genuine, the show cause issued to the concerned PIO is dropped.

As the representative of the appellant through a letter dated 12.12.2019, has also acknowledged that he has received the requisite information, no cause of action is required to be taken in this case, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

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Urminder Singh, # 3333/1, Street Number 0 (Zero), Heersa Nagar, Ludhiana - 141009 (Punjab)

...Complainant

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

Date: 18th December, 2019

... Respondents

### Complaint Case No. 541 of 2019

V/s.

Present: None on behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.10.2019 and neither the complainant, Sh.

Urminder Singh nor the respondent was present and another opportunity was given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 8741 dated 26.09.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 19605 dated 10.10.2019, has intimated the Commission that the RTI request dated 23.05.2019 of the complainant, Sh. Urminder Singh through was received in the office and on the same day i. e. 23.05.2019 the appellant was requested to submit a copy of his identity as the already submitted copy of his identity shows different residential address but he did not submit the same in the office till date. It is already placed in the case-file.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 9841 dated 22.11.2019, showing that the appellant was again asked to submit has identity. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Urminder Singh, was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 21.10.2019 and he is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also neither approached the concerned respondent PIO nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the complainant does not wish to pursue this case further and hence the case is announced as <u>disposed of and closed</u>.

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Urminder Singh, # 3333/1, Street Number 0 (Zero), Heersa Nagar, Ludhiana - 141009 (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

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

... Respondents

# Complaint Case No. 542 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.10.2019 and neither the complainant, Sh.

Urminder Singh nor the respondent was present and another opportunity was given to both the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 8746 dated 26.09.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 19606 dated 10.10.2019, has intimated the Commission that the RTI request dated 23.05.2019 of the complainant, Sh. Urminder Singh through was received in the office and on the same day i. e. 23.05.2019 the appellant was requested to submit a copy of his identity as the already submitted copy of his identity shows different residential address but he did not submit the same in the office till date. It is already placed in the case-file.

Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 9842 dated 22.11.2019, showing that the appellant was again asked to submit has identity. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Urminder Singh, was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 21.10.2019 and he is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also neither approached the concerned respondent PIO nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the complainant does not wish to pursue this case further and hence the case is announced as <u>disposed of and closed</u>.

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Labh Singh Sandhu S/o Sh. Harwinder Singh Advocate, Ch.No.573, Yadvindra Court Complex, Patiala (Punjab)

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

(Regd. Post) O/o The Director,

**Technical Education** 

& Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

..Respondent

### Complaint Case No. 684 of 2018

Present: Sh. J. M. Singh on behalf of the complainant.

i) Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent – 1(I. T. Wing);

i) Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), on behalf of the

respondent.

### **ORDER**

This case was last heard on 21.10.2019 and the appellant had pointedout deficiencies through a letter dated 04.09.2019 and the same was handed over to the representative of the respondent during the hearing in the Commission with the directions to remove the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant. An opportunity was given to the appellant to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent and Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant, both of I. T. Wing), who appeared in today's hearing, state that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information, after removing the deficiencies, has already been supplied to the complainant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu.

Sh. J. M. Singh who appeared on behalf of the complainant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to file a point wise reply, in the shape of an affidavit, to each and every query, raised by the complainant through his RTI request as per official record and send the same to the appellant positively by 15.01.2019 with copy to the Commission.

The complainant is also advised to point-out deficiencies, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO within ten days from the receipt of the reply (which would be given by the respondent PIO).

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As the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of one and half year, hence, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful

delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is <u>adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

(Regd. Post) O/o The Director,

**Technical Education** 

& Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

..Respondent

### Complaint Case No. 685 of 2018

Present: Sh. J. M. Singh on behalf of the complainant.

ii) Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent – 1(I. T. Wing);

ii) Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), on behalf of the

respondent.

### **ORDER**

This case was last heard on 21.10.2019 and the appellant had pointedout deficiencies through a letter dated 04.09.2019 and the same was handed over to the representative of the respondent during the hearing in the Commission with the directions to remove the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant. An opportunity was given to the appellant to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent and Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant, both of I. T. Wing), who appeared in today's hearing, state that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information, after removing the deficiencies, has already been supplied to the complainant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu.

Sh. J. M. Singh who appeared on behalf of the complainant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to file a point wise reply, in the shape of an affidavit, to each and every query, raised by the complainant through his RTI request as per official record and send the same to the appellant positively by 15.01.2019 with copy to the Commission.

The complainant is also advised to point-out deficiencies, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO within ten days from the receipt of the reply (which would be given by the respondent PIO).

As the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of one and half year, hence, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is <u>adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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**Harpal Singh Sodhi** 

S/o Sh.Dasondha Singh Sodhi #15, Kalghidhar Enclave, Baltana, Sub Tehsil Zirakpur, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali)

...Complainant

Versus Public Information Officer O/o The Director,

Technical Education & Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

Date: 18th December, 2019

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1010 of 2018

Present: None on behalf of the complainant.

iii) Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent – 1(I. T. Wing);

iv) Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), on behalf of the

respondent.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 21.10.2019 and an opportunity was also given to the appellant to represent this case on the fixed date of hearing.

Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent – 1(I. T. Wing), who appeared with Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 2000 dated 17.12.2019 signed by State Public Information Officer, I. T. Wing, Punjab, showing that that the requisite information has been sent to the complainant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi vide letter no. 1884-85 dated 22.11.2019 at his residential address, which he refused to take the same. He also states that he has also brought a copy of the information in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the complainant during the hearing. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi, was absent on the hearings, held on 22.05.2019, 16.07.2019 and 21.10.2019. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission.

The respondent PIO concerned is advised to send the requisite information (which has been brought in the Commission) to the complainant through registered post at his residential address within a week from today and send a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission positively.

With this, the case is <u>disposed of and closed</u> with the directions to the concerned respondent PIO to comply with the above-said order of the Commission.

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Harjeet Singh,

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... Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer.** 

O/o The Director,

(Regd. Post) Department of Technical Education

and Industrial Training, Punjab, (Industrial Training Wing),

Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The Additional Director, Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Sector 36-A. Chandigarh

... Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2191 of 2019

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

i) Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Wing);

ii) Sh. Amarbeer Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Edu. – II Branch);

iii) Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent – 1(I. T. Wing);

iv) Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

This case was last heard on 21.10.2019 and the concerned Officer/official of

I. T. Wing, was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post within one month from today and submit a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission.

Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Wing) and Sh. Amarbeer Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Edu. – II Branch), who appeared in today's hearing, state that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information, whichever relates to their branches, has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Harjeet Singh.

The appellant, Sh. Harjeet Singh, also through a letter dated 03.09.2019 has already acknowledged the same.

Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent and Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant, both of I. T. Wing, who appeared in today's hearing, seek an adjournment in this case.

Last and final opportunity is given to the PIO of office of I. T. Wing office of Technical Education and Industrial Training, to supply the certified copies of the required information, whichever relates to his branch, to the appellant as per official record by or on the next date of hearing.

As the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO of I. T. Wing to the information seeker till date.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to

Public Information Officer concerned of office of Industrial Training Wing, office of Technical Education and
Industrial Training, Chandigarh, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying
the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next 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. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

As complete information, sought for by the appellant has been supplied by Tech. Edu. Wing and Tech. Edu. – II Branch, hence, Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant of Tech. Wing and Sh. Amarbeer Singh, Senior Assistant of Tech. Edu. – II Branch, are exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case.

The case is <u>adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o The General Manager,

Punjab Roadways, Pathankot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Administrative Officer -cum-

Executive Director (Admin.), PUNBUS,

Jeevandeep Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 1530 of 2019

Present: Sh. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Manveer Singh, Steno Typist, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 22.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant through registered post or by hand after collecting the assessed fees from the appellant.

Sh. Manveer Singh, Steno Typist, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the appellant has not deposited the required fee, which was demanded from vide letter no. 934 dated 30.04.2019 of Rs. 11396/- for certified copies of information running into 5698 pages, till date.

Sh. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur, in today's hearing, states that no such letter regarding deposit of fee has been received by the complainant till date.

As the information demanded by the appellant is voluminous, hence, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 27.12.2019 at 11:30 A. M. so that he could identify the information.

The respondent-PIO is advised to supply the required information to the appellant in electronic form i. e. in the shape of CD and also to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing so that facts of this case could be cleared. A copy of this order be sent to him/her through registered post.

The case is <u>adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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V/s



Rajesh Kumar Garg

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....Appellant

**Public Information Officer.** 

O/o The Executive Officer Nagar Council, **Jagraon**, District Ludhiana (Punjab) **First Appellate Authority**, O/o The Regional Deputy Director Urban Local Bodies, Mini Sectt., Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No.64 of 2019

Present: Sh. Rajesh Kumar Garg, the appellant in person.

Ms. Nisha, Accountant, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 22.10.2019 and The respondent PIO was directed to supply information to the appellant by registered post and a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- was imposed upon Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer Nagar Council, Jagraon, District Ludhiana

Ms. Nisha, Accountant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 2141 dated 16.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Jagraon, showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Rajesh Kumar Garg through registered post. She also hands over a copy of the same to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Rajesh Kumar Garg, who appeared in person in today's hearing, through a letter dated 18.12.2019, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information. It is taken on record.

Ms. Nisha, Accountant, also submits a challan-receipt, showing that penalty of Rs. 5,000/- which was imposed upon Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer Nagar Council, Jagraon, District Ludhiana has been deposited. It is taken on record.

Since the orders passed by the Commission has been complied with, the case is disposed of and closed.

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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

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Manjinder Singh,

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....Appellant

V/s

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

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 1358 of 2019**

Present: Sh. Manjinder Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, in

person.

### **ORDER**

This case was last heard on 22.10.2019 and the respondent PIO and other concerned officials were directed to facilitate the Appellant for inspection of the relevant official record on 04.11.2019 and supply the information to the Appellant, which would by identified by the Appellant during the inspection.

Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person, in today's hearing, in response to the RTI request, complete information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh.

The appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, through a letter dated 18.12.2019, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and satisfied with the information supplied. It is taken on record.

Since the information stands supplied, the case is <u>disposed of and closed</u>
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V/s



Rakesh Kumar Gupta, 8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha,

Distt. -Ludhiana (Punjab)
First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 3452 of 2018

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

Sh. Amarpal Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

### **ORDER**

This case was last heard on 22.10.2019 and the Appellant was directed to submit the deficiencies properly in writing to the Respondent/PIO along with a copy to the Commission through registered post.

Sh. Amarpal Singh, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, through a letter dated 18.12.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that remaining information has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far and pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied. It is taken on record.

The letter dated 18.12.2019, sent by the appellant is handed over to the representative of the respondent during the hearing in the Commission, with the directions to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the Appellant, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing.

The case is <u>adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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V/s

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, 8/237, Jagraon Road, Mandi Mullanpur, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 3451 of 2018

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 22.10.2019 and the Appellant was directed to submit the deficiencies properly in writing to the respondent PIO along with a copy to the Commission through registered post and the respondent PIO was directed to supply the complete information to the Appellant after removing the deficiencies.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, through a letter dated 18.12.19, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that remaining information has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far and pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied. It is taken on record.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

Sh. Amarpal Singh, Clerk, who appeared in today's hearing in another case i. e. A. C. 3452 of 2018 on behalf of the respondent PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, has stated that he has only came to represent the case A. C. 3452 of 2018 and had left the court without attending the proceedings of the instant appeal case, which appears that he does not want to proceed with this case on behalf of the respondent.

Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent through registered post to Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, with the advice to take disciplinary action against him for such behavior done by him during the court, under intimation to the Commission. He is also advised to ensure presence of Sh. Amarpal Singh, Clerk before the Commission on the next date of hearing. He is further advised to ensure presence of concerned PIO or any of official of his office, who is not less than the rank of Superintendent, as a representative to represent this case, on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The appellant is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing or the case would decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

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...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, Distt. - Ludhiana (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 3450 of 2018

Present: None on behalf of the appellant.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 22.10.2019 and the Appellant was directed to submit the deficiencies properly in writing to the respondent PIO along with a copy to the Commission through registered post and the respondent PIO was directed to supply the complete information to the Appellant after removing the deficiencies.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, through a letter dated 18.12.19, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. Through that letter, he has also intimated the Commission that remaining information has not been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far and pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied. It is taken on record.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing.

Sh. Amarpal Singh, Clerk, who appeared in today's hearing in another case i. e. A. C. 3452 of 2018 on behalf of the respondent PIO office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, has stated that he has only came to represent the case A. C. 3452 of 2018 and had left the court without attending the proceedings of the instant appeal case, which appears that he does not want to proceed with this case on behalf of the respondent.

Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent through registered post to

Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha, with the advice to take disciplinary action against him for such behavior done by him during the court, under intimation to the Commission. He is also advised to ensure presence of Sh. Amarpal Singh, Clerk before the Commission on the next date of hearing. He is further advised to ensure presence of concerned PIO or any of official of his office, who is not less than the rank of Superintendent, as a representative to represent this case, on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The appellant is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing or the case would decided on merits.

The case is <u>adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Executive Engineer, Construction Division No.2, PWD B&R, Kapurthala(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle No.2, PWD B&R, Jalandhar(Punjab)

...Respondents

# Appeal Case No. 585 of 2019

Present: Sh. Salil Kumar, the appellant in person.

Sh. Jasbir Singh, S. D. O., on behalf of the respondent.

### ORDER

This case was last heard on 22.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply the remaining information to the Appellant through registered post and if the information is not available then he is directed to refund the excess amount (after deducting the required fee for available pages) to the appellant, which has been charged from him as required fee. The Appellant was advised to clarify the current position of this case by sending a registered letter to the Respondent/PIO with a copy to the Commission.

The appellant, Sh. Salil Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

Sh. Jasbir Singh, S. D. O., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that he has posted recently in the office and not aware about the full facts of this case and seeks an adjournment in this case.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that on the hearing, held on 13.08.2019, the appellant, Sh. Salil Kumar, stated that he has visited the office of the respondent to inspect the official record and identified the information of 280 pages and deposited Rs. 560/- as required fee for the same but only 211 pages have been received by him and 69 pages are still remaining. Accordingly, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to again facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 22.08.2019 at 11:00 A. M. regarding remaining 69 pages and directed to supply the remaining information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him. If, no information other than 211 pages would be identified or identified pages are less than 69 pages, then the respondent PIO concerned was directed to refund the excess amount (after deducting the required fee for available pages) to the appellant, which has been charged from him as required fee.

Last and final opportunity is given to respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 10.01.2020 at 11:30 A. M. regarding remaining 69 pages with the directions to supply the remaining information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him before the next date of hearing.

Sh. Jasbir Singh, S. D. O., would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

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....Appellant

**Public Information Officer,** 

O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Bathinda (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3924 of 2018

V/s

Present: Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person.

None on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 22.10.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to supply complete information to the appellant through registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4356 dated 09.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Section Officer office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Bathinda, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh has not pointed out any deficiency till date, as ordered by the Commission on 22.10.2019. It is taken on record.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information, which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO after inspection, or not 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.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which would pointed out by the Appellant, to him by registered post before the next date of hearing. He is also directed to submit/send the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the Appellant on the next date of hearing,

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....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

(Regd. Post) O/o Assistant Transport Officer

Automatic Driving Test Track, Nabha Road, Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1533 of 2019** 

Present: Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person.

Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 22.10.2019 and the respondent was directed to supply complete information to the appellant by registered post and a penalty of Rs. 10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand Only) was imposed upon Public Information Officer office of Assistant Transport Officer, Automatic Driving Test Track, Nabha Road, Patiala.

Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Clerk, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that he has brought the requisite information in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh during the hearing. He also handed over the same to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today.

After going through the information supplied ,the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the information given to him not as per queries raised by him through RTI request.

The respondent-PIO is directed either to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant or file a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request as per official record by or on the next date of hearing.

After hearing the representative of the respondent and examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the order dated 22.10.2019 passed by the Commission, through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand Only) was imposed upon Public Information Officer office of Assistant Transport Officer, Automatic Driving Test Track, Nabha Road, Patiala.

As the concerned Public Information Officer office of Assistant Transport Officer, Automatic Driving Test Track, Nabha Road, Patiala has not complied with the order dated 22.10.2019 through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- was imposed upon him, due to this evasive attitude of the concerned PIO, I hereby, recommend disciplinary action against him for non-compliance of the order passed by the Commission under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent to the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala, with the directions to take disciplinary action against the concerned PIO office of Assistant Transport Officer, Automatic Driving Test Track, Nabha Road, Patiala, under intimation to the Commission. He is also advised to ensure compliance of the order dated 22.10.2019 passed by the Commission through which penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) was imposed upon Public Information Officer office of Assistant Transport Officer, Automatic Driving Test Track, Nabha Road, Patiala, by the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is <u>adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
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Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,

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....Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,** 

(Regd. Post) O/o Executive Officer,

Municipal Council, Khanna(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

**O/o** Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1260 of 2019** 

Present: Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.

Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER** 

This case was last heard on 22.10.2019 and a penalty of Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) was imposed on the concerned PIO of office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Sh. Kulwinder Singh, Municipal Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that he has brought the requisite information in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia during the hearing. He also handed over the same to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. He also hands over a cheque of Rs. 5000/- bearing no. 092008 dated 17.12.2019 as compensation amount, which was awarded vide orders dated 22.10.2019 to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today.

After hearing the representative of the respondent and examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the order dated 22.10.2019 passed by the Commission, through which penalty of Rs. 5000/-(Rupees Five Thousand Only) was imposed upon Public Information Officer Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna, District Ludhiana.

As the concerned Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna, District Ludhiana has not complied with the order dated 22.10.2019 through which penalty of Rs. 5000/- was imposed upon, due to this evasive attitude of the concerned PIO, I hereby, recommend disciplinary action against him for non-compliance of the order passed by the Commission under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent to the Director, Local Government Punjab, Chandigarh with the directions to take disciplinary action against the concerned PIO office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna, District Ludhiana under intimation to the Commission. He is also advised to ensure compliance of the order dated 22.10.2019 passed by the Commission through which penalty of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) was imposed upon Public Information Officer Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna, District Ludhiana by the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is <u>adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u>
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

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Chandigarh