

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden,
Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Ph: 0172-2864111, Visit us @ www.infocommpunjab.com,
Email: psic21@punjabmail.gov.in



REGISTERED

Ravinder Kataria,
64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar,
Dugri Road, Ludhiana.

Versus

Public Information Officer,
o/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority (RTA),
District Faridkot.
First Appellate Authority,
o/o State Transport Commissioner Punjab, Chandigarh.
SCO 177-178,
Sector-17-Chandigarh.

Appeal Case No. 2801 of 2019

ORDER:

(To be read in continuity with earlier orders on 3.10.19, 29.11.19, 20.12.19, 13.2.2020, and 17.3.2021)

1. The RTI application is dated **6.5.19** vide which the appellant has sought information **regarding commercial driving licenses etc.**, as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (FAA) on **1.8.19** and Second Appeal was filed in the Commission on **1.8.19** under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005. The case was last heard on **17.3.2021**.

2. The respondent PIO has remained absent from five hearings of this appeal case. In fact he has not attended or send his representative to a single hearing since this Commission first issued notice on 5.9.2019. The PIO has also failed to send any written reply/information to the appellant to this Commission. This is despite the show cause notice issued to him vide this Commission's Order of 29.11.2019 and a penalty of Rs. 5,000.00 imposed on him vide the Order of 20.12.19. Notably, the respondent PIO has also failed to submit proof that the penalty imposed has been deposited by him.

Decision:

3. The Commission now deems it fit to enhance the penalty of Rs. 5,000.00 earlier imposed on the respondent PIO, to Rs. 10,000.00. This is to include the penalty of Rs. 5,000.00 imposed upon the PIO on 20.12.19. The amount is to be deducted from the respondent PIO-cum-ATO, Gurnam Singh, Regional Transport Authority (RTA), Faridkot, which be deducted from his salary in two monthly installments and deposited in the Punjab Government Treasury 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

And a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission by or on the next date of hearing.

Contd....2

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION

Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden,
Madhya Marg, Sector 16, Chandigarh.

Ph: 0172-2864111, Visit us @ www.infocommpunjab.com,
Email: psic21@punjabmail.gov.in



Appeal Case No. 2801 of 2019

4. Separate copies of this Order be sent to the State Transport Commissioner Punjab and Secretary, Department of Transport, Punjab Government, with a direction to ensure compliance. This, by way of the information sought by the appellant in this RTI application, as well as in ensuring that penalty imposed (para 3) is duly deducted from the PIO's salary and deposited in the Punjab Government Treasury. Copies of this order be sent to the parties through registered post.

5. IMPORTANT! All documents / information supplied to appellants / complainants must mandatorily be attested as under. Documents / copies not attested as stipulated will not be accepted and will be regarded as an attempt to delay / deny the information.

Information supplied under the RTI Act, 2005

Signature of the PIO

Name of the PIO

Name of the Public Authority

Date

6. Next hearing on 13.8.2021 at 11.00 am through Video Conference at D.C. Office, Faridkot for compliance.

Sd/-

(ASIT JOLLY)

State Information Commissioner, Punjab.

Chandigarh

18.6.2021

Cc: Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Transport,
Punjab Mini Secretariat,
Sector-9, Chandigarh, for information and further necessary action.