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Appellant

Sh. Jasbir Singh (9888296107) Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bolapur,, Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh, Distt. Ludhiana 141123.

Versus

Public Information Officer O/o Secy, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority O/o Secy, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1165 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant (ii)For the respondent: Sh. Ravinder Sharma, JA (9878456909)

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with the earlier orders dated 28.7.2021 where the appellant showed his dissatisfaction with regard to the supplied information and the respondent PIO was directed to supply the information with regard to the information relating to time from 3.7.2020 to 3.10.2020 before the next date of hearing positively and the hearing was adjourned to 19.10.2021.
- 2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present and the respondent PIO states that the information has been sent to the appellant on 22.9.2021.
- 3. The appellant states that he has not received the information yet.
- 4. The court directs the respondent PIO to send the information once again to the appellant within two days under intimation to the Commission. The Appellant is advised to go through the supplied information along with advice to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively to clear the facts of this case.
- 5. To come up on 28.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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> (Anumit Singh Sodhi) **State Information Commissioner** Punjab

Dated: 19.10.2021

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Sh. Jasbir Singh (9888296107) Guru Nanak Nagar, Village Bolapur,, Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh, Distt. Ludhiana 141123.

Versus

Public Information Officer (By Name)(Regd. Post)O/o SDM, Distt. Mansa

First Appellate Authority O/o SDM, Distt. Mansa

Appeal Case No.: 1335 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Respondent

Present: (i) Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant (ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

- This order may be read with the earlier orders dated 28.7.2021 where the appellant showed his dissatisfaction with regard to the supplied information and the respondent PIO was directed to supply the information with regard to the information relating to time from 3.7.2020 to 3.10.2020 before the next date of hearing positively and the hearing was adjourned to 19.10.2021.
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant is present and the respondent PIO is absent.
- 3. The court takes serious view about the absence of the PIO in spite of aware of date and time of the hearing. The court further directs the PIO to be present on the next date of hearing personally at PSIC Office, Chandigarh along with directions to supply the information to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post for his ready reference.
- 4. To come up on **28.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Complainant

Respondent

Sh.Ram Vinod Sharma

1/70, Housing Board, Behind Hanuman Mandir Jawahar Nagar, Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan 335001.

Public Information Officer O/o Maharaja Ranjeet Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda

Complaint Case No.: 1115 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Versus

Present: (i) Sh. Sunny Kumar, Advocate on behalf of the complaint (ii)For the respondent: Sh. Ashvinder Singh (SA)

- The RTI application is dated 24.06.2021 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 02.09.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
- 2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 19.10.2021 through CISCO Webex application.
- 3. In today's, representative of the complainant, Sh. Sunny Kumar, Advocate states that information in connection with point no. 1, 2, 3 and 4 is received but with regard to point no. 5 is still pending.
- 4. Respondent, Sh. Arshvinder Singh states that information in connection point no. 5 could not be supplied to the complainant as it is a third party.
- 5. After hearing both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, respondent PIO is directed to supply the proper reply/information in connection with point no. 5 within one week from today with a copy to the Commission along with directions to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively.
- 6. Appellant is also advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing, failing which case will be decided in his absence.
- To come up on 10.11.2021 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: 19.10.2021

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Sh. Rajpal Singh, (6239753371) S/o Sh. Dharmveer Rinwa, VPO Bareka, Tehsil Fazilka

(Regd. Post)

Versus **Public Information Officer (By Name)** O/o BDPO, Khuhian, Sarwar at Abohar, (Fazilka)

First Appellate Authority O/o DDPO, Khuhian, Sarwar at Abohar, Distt.Fazilka

Appeal Case No.: 1127 of 2021 Through CISCO WEBEX

Respondent

Present: (i) Sh. Rajpal Singh, the appellant (ii)For the respondent: Sh. Gian Bhatti, BDO (9914400157)

- This order may be read with earlier order dated: 27.7.2021 wherein nobody was appeared on behalf of the respondent department. The matter was adjourned to 19.10.2021.
- In today's hearing, appellant and Sh. Gian Bhatti, BDO from respondent are present for today's hearing. The appellant states that the information given is not clear.
- After discussing with both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, the Commission directs the respondent PIO that point-wise information may be supplied to the appellant within one week from today with a copy to the Commission.
- Appellant is advised to point out deficiency, if any, in writing to the respondent with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt the information.
- 5. The case is adjourned to **28.04.2022 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:19.10.2021

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Sh. Rajpal Singh, (6239753371)

S/o Sh. Dharmveer Rinwa, VPO Bareka, Tehsil Fazilka

Versus

Appeal Case No.: 1124 of 2021

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name) O/o BDPO, Khuhian, Sarwar at Abohar, (Fazilka)

First Appellate Authority

O/o DDPO, Khuhian, Sarwar at Abohar, Distt.Fazilka

Respondent

 Through CISCO WEBEX

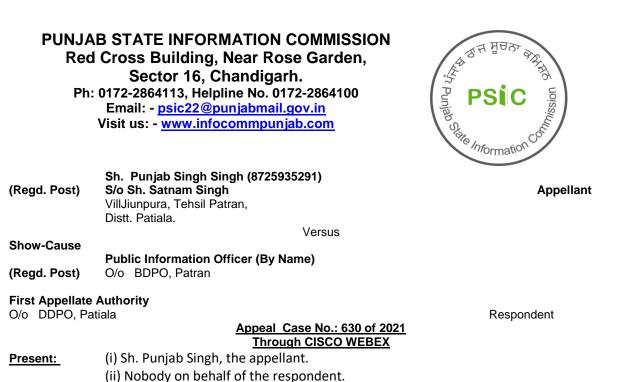
 (i) Sh. Rajpal Singh, the appellant

 (ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gian Bhatti, BDO (9914400157)

- 1. This order may be read with earlier order dated: 27.7.2021 wherein nobody was appeared on behalf of the respondent department. The matter was adjourned to 19.10.2021.
- In today's hearing, appellant and Sh. Gian Bhatti, BDO from respondent are present for today's hearing. The appellant states that the information given is not clear.
- After discussing with both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, the Commission directs the respondent PIO that point-wise information may be supplied to the appellant within one week from today with a copy to the Commission.
- Appellant is advised to point out deficiency, if any, in writing to the respondent with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt the information.
- The case is adjourned to 28.04.2022 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:19.10.2021



ORDER:

- This order may be read with earlier order dated 22.7.2021 wherein both the parties were absent and the court awarded final opportunity to be present on the next hearing. The case was adjourned to 19.10.2021.
- 2. In today's hearing, appellant is present states that requisite information is still pending.
- 3. Respondent PIO is continuously absent second time without any intimation to the Commission despite being aware about the date of hearing, which shows his casual attitude towards the orders of the Commission as well as to the RTI Act, 2005, which came in existence for the transparency and accountability of the Public Authorities. Copy of previous order dated 22.07.2021 was sent to the respondent PIO through registered post.
- 4. In view of the foregoing, <u>respondent PIO, O/o BDPO, Patran</u> is directed to show cause in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, 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.

- 5. A copy of this order be also sent to the DDPO by name through registered post for the compliance of this order.
- The case is adjourned to 28.04.2022 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:19.10.2021

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Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur, (9872139640)

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

Versus Public Information Officer (By Name)

(Regd. Post)

Amritsar.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, MC, Amritsar

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

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

O/o Commissioner, MC,

(ii)For the respondent: Smt. Krishna Kumari (ATP, MC, Amritsar) (7837669929)

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with earlier order dated 18.8.2021 wherein the Commissioner, MC, Amritsar through registered post to ensure to comply with the orders of the Commission before the next date of hearing. The case was adjourned to 19.10.2021.
- 2. In today's hearing, respondent, appellant pleads that the information is still pending and compensation cheque amounting Rs. 1,500/- is also not supplied as per the directions of the Commission.
- 3. On this, respondent, Sh. Krishna kumari accepts that the department has sent a letter through speed post along with a cheque of Rs.1500/- from the individual's account instead of public authority's account.
- 4. After discussing with the respondent, it is observed that respondent; Ms. Krishna Kumari is not able to give satisfactory reply. The court while taking it serious directs the First Appellate Authority not to depute the officials who are not serious about the court hearings. The authorities are also advised to depute the officials presenting the cases, before the court ensuring to come with sufficient home work on the case files. The replies given by the respondent are not satisfactory. In this way the respondent wasted precious time and resources of the Commission as well as of the appellant.
- 5. One final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 19.08.2021, within ten days after receipt of this order, which was sent to the PIO and FAA through registered post (which is also available on the official website <u>www.infocommpunjab.com</u>), failing which penal consequences shall be follow.
- 6. A copy of this order be sent to the Commissioner, MC, Amritsar by name through registered post for the compliance of the order.
- The case is adjourned for hearing for 09.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post. <u>(Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number</u> <u>1582933632).</u>

Dated: 19.10.2021

(Anumit Singh Sodhi) State Information Commissioner Punjab

(Regd. Post)

The Commissioner (By Name) MC, Amritsar

Appellant

Respondent

PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION ਨਜ ਸੂਚਨਾ Putty Punjo Red Cross Building, Near Rose Garden, Sector 16, Chandigarh. Ph: 0172-2864113, Helpline No. 0172-2864100 Email: - psic22@punjabmail.gov.in Information Visit us: - www.infocommpunjab.com Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur, (9872139640) D/o Sh. Pritpal Singh, VPO Gumtala, Opp. Govt Dispensary, Ward No 5, Amritsar. Appellant Versus Sh. Dharminderjeet Singh (Public Information Officer) (Regd. Post) O/o MC. Amritsar. Sh. Sushant Bhatia (Public Information Officer) (Regd. Post) O/o Land Department, MC, Amritsar. Sh. Narinder Sharma (Public Information Officer) (Regd. Post) O/o MTP, MC, Amritsar. First Appellate Authority (By Name) (Regd. Post) O/o Addl. Commissioner, MC, Amritsar. Respondent Appeal Case No.:242 of 2020 Heard through CISCO WEBEX (i) Smt. Kamaldeep Kaur, the appellant in person. Present: (ii)For the respondent: Smt. Krishna Kumari (ATP, MC, Amritsar) (7837669929) along with Sh. Dharminderjeet Singh (EO) (9646004303).

ORDER

- 1. This order may be read with earlier order dated 18.8.2021 wherein the Addl. Commissioner, MC, Amritsar through registered post to ensure to comply with the orders of the Commission before the next date of hearing. The case was adjourned to 19.10.2021.
- 2. In today's hearing, respondent, appellant pleads that the information is still pending and compensation cheque amounting Rs. 3,000/- is also not supplied as per the directions of the Commission.
- 3. On this, respondent, Sh. Krishna kumari accepts that the department has sent a letter through speed post along with a cheque of Rs. 3,000/- from the individual's account instead of public authority's account.
- 4. After discussing with the respondent, it is observed that respondent; Ms. Krishna Kumari is not able to give satisfactory reply. The court while taking it serious directs the First Appellate Authority not to depute the officials who are not serious about the court hearings. The authorities are also advised to depute the officials presenting the cases, before the court ensuring to come with sufficient home work on the case files. The replies given by the respondent are not satisfactory. In this way the respondent wasted precious time and resources of the Commission as well as of the appellant.
- 5. One final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 19.08.2021 within ten days after receipt of this order, which was sent to the PIO and FAA through registered post (which is also available on the official website www.infocommpunjab.com), failing which penal consequences shall be followed.
- 6. A copy of this order be sent to the Addl. Commissioner, MC, Amritsar by name through registered post for the compliance of the order.
- The case is adjourned for hearing for 09.03.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post. (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

(Anumit Singh Sodhi) State Information Commissioner Punjab

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Smt. Kiran Sharma

w/o late Shri Jagdish Sharma, R/O Street No.42, Preet Nagar, Shimlapluri Ludhiana.

Appellant/Complainant

Vs.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

SHO, Thana Shimlapuri, Ludhiana

Respondent

Complaint cases No.301, 423 of 2020 Through CISCO WEBEX

(i) Sh. Sushil Kumar on behalf of the complainant.

(ii)For the respondent: Sh. Jarnail Singh (ASI)

ORDER

Present:

- This order may be read with the earlier order dated: 28.7.2021 vide which complainant was advised to visit the respondent's office to inspect the official record on 30.07.2021. The matter was adjourned for further hearing on 19.10.2021.
- 2. In today's hearing both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Jarnail Singh states that whatever information was available in the official record has already been supplied to the complainant but representative of the complainant expresses his dissatisfaction and requests to direct the respondent PIO to supply the information.
- 3. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, I am of the considered view that complainant is not pointing out deficiency specifically in the supplied information.

Complaint cases No.301, 423 of 2020 Through CISCO WEBEX

(31. We uphold the said contention and do not find any error in the impugned judgment of the High Court whereby it has been held that the Commissioner while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the said Act has no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for access to the information).

- 4. Despite of being a complaint case, the Commission is continuously doing efforts to supply the demanded information to the complainant. Respondent PIO is also continuously supplying reply/information time and again and presenting case on the fixed hearings.
- 5. Accordingly, respondent PIO is again advised to bring the original record on 21.10.2021 in connection with RTI applications in the above mentioned cases. Complainant/representative of the complainant is advised to inspect the record in the PSIC Office on the fixed date. Complainant is also advised to intimate to the undersigned Bench regarding receiving of information.
- Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively, failing to which case will be decided on the merit basis.
- To come up on 28.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application).
 Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant/Complainant

Smt. Neena Gupta

H.No.1410, Phase-I, Urban Estate, Dugri Road, Ludhiana – 141 013

Vs.

Public Information Officer,

O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana

Public Information Officer O/o SHO, Shimlapuri,

Ludhiana.

Respondent

Complaint cases No.289, 422 of 2020 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Sh. Sushil Kumar on behalf of the complainant.(ii)For the respondent: Sh. Jarnail Singh (ASI)

ORDER

- This order may be read with the earlier order dated: 28.7.2021 vide which complainant was advised to visit the respondent's office to inspect the official record on 30.07.2021. The matter was adjourned for further hearing on 19.10.2021.
- 2. In today's hearing both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Jarnail Singh states that whatever information was available in the official record has already been supplied to the complainant but representative of the complainant expresses his dissatisfaction and requests to direct the respondent PIO to supply the information.
- 3. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, I am of the considered view that complainant is not pointing out deficiency specifically in the supplied information.

Complaint cases No.289, 422 of 2020 Through CISCO WEBEX

(31. We uphold the said contention and do not find any error in the impugned judgment of the High Court whereby it has been held that the Commissioner while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the said Act has no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for access to the information).

- 4. Despite of being a complaint case, the Commission is continuously doing efforts to supply the demanded information to the complainant. Respondent PIO is also continuously supplying reply/information time and again and presenting case on the fixed hearings.
- 5. Accordingly, respondent PIO is again advised to bring the original record on 21.10.2021 in connection with RTI applications in the above mentioned cases. Complainant/representative of the complainant is advised to inspect the record in the PSIC Office on the fixed date. Complainant is also advised to intimate to the undersigned Bench regarding receiving of information.
- Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively, failing to which case will be decided on the merit basis.
- To come up on 28.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application).
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Appellant/Complainant

Sh. Sushil Kumar (9814500575) H.No.1410, Phase-1, Urban Estate, Dugri Road, Ludhiana.

Vs.

Public Information Officer, O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority O/o Police StationShimlapuri, Ludhiana Respondent

Complaint cases No.419, 275 and 285 of 2020 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Sushil Kumar, the complainant.

(ii)For the respondent: Sh. Jarnail Singh (ASI)

ORDER

- This order may be read with the earlier order dated: 28.7.2021 vide which complainant was advised to visit the respondent's office to inspect the official record on 30.07.2021. The matter was adjourned for further hearing on 19.10.2021.
- In today's hearing both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Jarnail Singh states that whatever information was available in the official record has already been supplied to the complainant but complainant expresses his dissatisfaction and requests to direct the respondent PIO to supply the information.
- 3. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, I am of the considered view that complainant is not pointing out deficiency specifically in the supplied information.

Complaint cases No.419, 275 and 285 of 2020 Through CISCO WEBEX

(31. We uphold the said contention and do not find any error in the impugned judgment of the High Court whereby it has been held that the Commissioner while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the said Act has no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for access to the information).

- 4. Despite of being a complaint case, the Commission continuously doing efforts to supply the demanded information to the complainant. Respondent PIO is also continuously supplying reply/information time and again and presenting case on the fixed hearings.
- 5. Accordingly, respondent PIO is again advised to bring the original record on 21.10.2021 in connection with RTI applications in the above mentioned cases. Complainant is advised to inspect the record in the PSIC Office on the fixed date. Complainant is also advised to intimate to the undersigned Bench regarding receiving of information.
- Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively, failing to which case will be decided on the merit basis.
- To come up on 28.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application).
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Sh. Ajay Sharma, (8847545875)

w/o late Sh. Jagdish Sharma, R/o Street No.42, Preet Nagar, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana

Appellant/Complainant

Vs.

Public Information Officer, O/o Police Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Public Information Officer,

O/o SHO, Police Station, Shimlapuri, Ludhiana Respondent

Complaint case No. 421 of 2020 Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh

(i) Sh. Sushil Kumar on behalf of the complainant.(ii)For the respondent: Sh. Jarnail Singh (ASI)

ORDER

- This order may be read with the earlier order dated: 28.7.2021 vide which complainant was advised to visit the respondent's office to inspect the official record on 30.07.2021. The matter was adjourned for further hearing on 19.10.2021.
- 2. In today's hearing both the parties are present. Respondent, Sh. Jarnail Singh states that whatever information was available in the official record has already been supplied to the complainant but representative of the complainant expresses his dissatisfaction and requests to direct the respondent PIO to supply the information.
- 3. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, I am of the considered view that complainant is not pointing out deficiency specifically in the supplied information.

Complaint case No.421 of 2020 Through CISCO WEBEX

(31. We uphold the said contention and do not find any error in the impugned judgment of the High Court whereby it has been held that the Commissioner while entertaining a complaint under Section 18 of the said Act has no jurisdiction to pass an order providing for access to the information).

- 4. Despite of being a complaint case, the Commission is continuously doing efforts to supply the demanded information to the complainant. Respondent PIO is also continuously supplying reply/information time and again and presenting case on the fixed hearings.
- 5. Accordingly, respondent PIO is again advised to bring the original record on 21.10.2021 in connection with RTI applications in the above mentioned cases. Complainant/representative of the complainant is advised to inspect the record in the PSIC Office on the fixed date. Complainant is also advised to intimate to the undersigned Bench regarding receiving of information.
- Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively, failing to which case will be decided on the merit basis.
- To come up on 28.04.2022 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: 19.10.2021