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... Appellant

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o Deputy Commissioner,  
Patiala.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o DC.  
Patiala.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1261 of 2018**

Present:       None for the Appellant  
                  Sh.Rajinder Kumar, APIO and Ms.Palvi Sharma, Clerk O/o DC Patiala for the  
                  Respondent

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on **19.06.2018**. The respondent present from the office of Local Bodies Patiala informed that the available information has been provided to the appellant and the remaining information relates to the office of Registrar, Firms & Societies, Punjab, Chandigarh. The PIO was directed to forward the RTI application to the concerned department and the concerned PIO was directed to provide the information and be present on the next date of hearing.

The case was again heard on **24.07.2018**. The PIO O/o DC Patiala was directed to send the status of the complaint dated 02.09.2017 filed by the appellant in connection with appeal No.503 dated 05.03.2013.

The PIO of the office of Registrar, Firms & Societies, Punjab, Chandigarh was directed to provide the information concerning to them within ten days of the receipt of order and be present personally on the next date of hearing alongwith proof of having sent the information.

The case again came up for hearing on **20.08.2018**. The respondent was absent. The appellant pleaded that he has yet not received the information relating to points 3, 4 & 5.

The Commission observed that both the departments i.e. DC Patiala and Registrar of Firms & Societies are dilly dallying with the information and not treating the RTI application with the seriousness that it deserves. Both the PIOs were given last opportunity to provide the information and to appear personally on the next date of hearing failing which action will be taken under RTI Act for not providing the information."

The case was last heard on **26.09.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The respondent present from the Office of DC Patiala pleaded that the information does not pertain to them and they have transferred the RTI application to the office of Local Bodies, Patiala on 10.01.2018. He further stated that after the order of the Commission, the matter was transferred to Deputy Director Local Govt Patiala on 17.07.2018 who further transferred the same to the Registrar Firms and Societies.

However, during the course of hearing, it came to light that the information sought by the appellant regarding points 3,4& 5 pertains to the office of DC Patiala. The PIO-DC Patiala is directed to provide the information on all three points even if it requires coordination with the departments to which the application has been transferred. The PIO is directed to provide the information regarding points 3,4& 5 as per RTI Act within 15 days from the receipt of the orders of the Commission failing to which the Commission will take serious note as per the provisions of the RTI Act for the erring PIOs.”

**Hearing dated 19.11.2018:**

The respondent present informed that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 22.10.2018 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. The respondent has also submitted a copy of an acknowledgement of the appellant having received the information. The appellant is absent to point out the discrepancy if any.

I have gone through the information and found that the information has been provided by the PIO to his best possible extent.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

Chandigarh  
Dated: 19.11.2018

Sd/-  
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O/o Executive Officer, Nagar Council,  
Jagraon, Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies,  
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1283 of 2018**

Present: Sh.Jaspal Singh as Appellant  
None for the Respondent

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on **19.06.2018**. The appellant informed that he has received the information but he was not satisfied with the information regarding points 3,4,5,6 & 8. The PIO was absent. The PIO was directed to provide the information regarding these points within 10 days.

The case was again heard on **24.07.2018**. Since the complete information was not supplied, the PIO was directed to send the complete information duly attested within ten days. Sh.Manohar Singh, PIO was also directed to be personally present on the next date of hearing with suitable reply and explain as to why action should not be taken against him for not complying with the orders of the Commission.

The case again came up for hearing on **20.08.2018**. The Commission found that the PIO is showing laxity in providing the information and not complying the orders of the Commission. The Commission made clear that on the next date of hearing, the designated PIO should be personally present with explanation for not complying the orders of the Commission failing which the Commission will be compelled to issue summons u/s 18(3)(a) of the RTI Act 2005 and also initiate action under the provisions of RTI Act.

The appellant was absent. The appellant was also directed to be present to go through the information, failing which the Commission will be constrained to decide the case ex-parte."

The case was last heard on **26.09.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The respondent is absent and has sought exemption due to election duty of the staff. The exemption is granted.

The appellant pleaded that the PIO has not abided by the orders of the Commission dated 19.06.2018, 24.07.2018 and 20.08.2018. The Commission has taken a serious view of this.

The PIO is directed to send the information regarding points 3,4,5,6 & 8 as per RTI Act within 15 days failing to do so, the Commission will be constrained to issue show cause notice as to why penalty should not be imposed. The PIO is also directed to send compliance report before the next date of hearing to the Commission."

**Hearing dated 19.11.2018:**

The appellant has informed that the information has not been provided to him so far. The respondent is absent. In the last hearing, the PIO had asked for exemption due to election duty of the staff. The PIO has now again asked for exemption citing the reason that the APIO dealing with such cases has been deputed for election duty.

In the last hearing, the PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days and send compliance report the Commission. The PIO has neither provided the information nor appeared before the Commission. It appears that the PIO is not serious in complying with the orders of the Commission and not attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious note of this and hereby directs the **PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time**, he should file an affidavit in this regard, if there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies

Both the parties to be present on **14.01.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 19.11.2018.**

**Sd/-**  
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**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies,  
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1284 of 2018**

Present: Sh.Jaspal Singh as Appellant  
None for the Respondent

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on **19.06.2018**. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the respondent regarding points 1 to 4. The PIO was directed to provide the information regarding these points within 10 days.

The case was again heard on **24.07.2018**. The appellant was not present. The respondent present brought the information. The information was found incomplete as the copies of the information were not attested and signed by the competent authority.

The Commission had taken a serious view of this and the PIO was directed to send the complete information on all points duly attested and signed by the competent authority within ten days of the receipt of orders. The PIO Sh.Manohar Singh was also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing with suitable reply and explain as to why action should not be taken against him for not complying with the orders of the Commission.

The case again came up for hearing on **20.08.2018**. The Commission found that the PIO is showing laxity in providing the information and not complying the orders of the Commission. The Commission made clear that on the next date of hearing, the designated PIO should be personally present with explanation for not complying the orders of the Commission failing which the Commission will be compelled to issue summons u/s 18(3)(a) of the RTI Act 2005 and also initiate action under the provisions of RTI Act.

The appellant was absent. The appellant was also directed to be present to go through the information, failing which the Commission will be constrained to decide the case ex-parte.

**The case was last heard on 26.09.2018.** The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The respondent is absent and has sought exemption due to election duty of the staff. The exemption is granted.

The appellant pleaded that the PIO has not abided by the orders of the Commission dated 19.06.2018, 24.07.2018 and 20.08.2018. The Commission has taken a serious view of this.

The PIO is directed to send the certified copies of the information regarding points 1 to 4 as per the RTI Act within 15 days failing to do so, the Commission will be constrained to issue show cause notice as to why penalty should not be imposed. The PIO is also directed to send compliance report before the next date of hearing to the Commission."

**Hearing dated 19.11.2018:**

The appellant has informed that the information has not been provided to him so far. The respondent is absent. In the last hearing, the PIO had asked for exemption due to election duty of the staff. The PIO has now again asked for exemption citing the reason that the APIO dealing with such cases has been deputed for election duty.

In the last hearing, the PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days and send compliance report the Commission. The PIO has neither provided the information nor appeared before the Commission. It appears that the PIO is not serious in complying with the orders of the Commission and not attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious note of this and hereby directs the **PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time**, he should file an affidavit in this regard, if there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies

Both the parties to be present on **14.01.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 19.11.2018.**

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**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Deputy Director, Local Bodies,  
Ludhiana.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1285 of 2018**

Present: Sh.Jaspal Singh as Appellant  
None for the Respondent

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on **19.06.2018**. The appellant was not satisfied with the information provided by the respondent. The respondent was absent. The PIO was directed to provide the information within 10 days.

The case was again heard on **24.07.2018**. The appellant was not present. The respondent present brought the information. The information was found incomplete as the copies of the information were not attested and signed by the competent authority.

The Commission had taken a serious view of this and directed the PIO to send the complete information on all points duly attested and signed by the competent authority within ten days of the receipt of orders. The PIO Sh.Manohar Singh was also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing with suitable reply and explain as to why action should not be taken against him for not complying with the orders of the Commission.

The case again came up for hearing on **20.08.2018**. The Commission found that the PIO is showing laxity in providing the information and not complying the orders of the Commission. The Commission made it clear that on the next date of hearing, the designated PIO should be personally present with explanation for not complying the orders of the Commission failing which the Commission will be compelled to issue summons u/s 18(3)(a) of the RTI Act 2005 and also initiate action under the provisions of RTI Act.

The appellant was absent. The appellant was also directed to be present personally to go through the information, failing which the Commission will be constrained to decide the case ex-parte."

The case was last heard on **26.09.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The respondent is absent and has sought exemption due to all the staff on election duty. The respondent is absent and has sought exemption due to election duty of the staff. The exemption is granted.

The appellant pleaded that the PIO has not abided by the orders of the Commission dated 19.06.2018, 24.07.2018 and 20.08.2018. The Commission has taken a serious view of this.

The PIO is directed to send the certified copies of the information on all points as per the RTI Act within 15 days failing to do so, the Commission will be constrained to issue show cause notice as to why penalty should not be imposed. The PIO is also directed to send compliance report before the next date of hearing to the Commission.”

**Hearing dated 19.11.2018:**

The appellant has informed that the information has not been provided to him so far. The respondent is absent. In the last hearing, the PIO had asked for exemption due to election duty of the staff. The PIO has now again asked for exemption citing the reason that the APIO dealing with such cases has been deputed for election duty.

In the last hearing, the PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days and send compliance report the Commission. The PIO has neither provided the information nor appeared before the Commission. It appears that the PIO is not serious in complying with the orders of the Commission and not attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious note of this and hereby directs the **PIO to show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time**, he should file an affidavit in this regard, if there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies

Both the parties to be present on **14.01.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 19.11.2018.**

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Khanna

Appellant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
Principal Secretary,  
Health & Family Welfare,  
Pb, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
Principal Secretary,  
Health & Family Welfare,  
Pb, Chandigarh

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1312 of 2018**

Present: None for the Appellant  
Sh.Ram Jatan, Sr.Assistant, O/o Principal Secretary Health & Family Welfare,Pb.,  
Chandigarh(Health-1 Branch) on behalf of the Respondent

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on **27.06.2018**. It was ascertained that the information provided is not as per the RTI application but wishy washy. The PIO Health-I was directed to re-examine the RTI and provide the information to the appellant. If the concerned file is not traceable, the PIO was directed to give it in affidavit form as to the possible reasons for the missing file. And whether any action as per the department procedure has been followed to trace out the file

The case was again heard on **25.07.2018**. The Commission observed that the PIO has not followed up the RTI Application and is wasting the time of the Commission. The PIO Health-1 was directed to be present on the next date of hearing with solid reasons for not complying with the orders of the Commission and explain why action should not be taken against him under the RTI Act. He was also directed to provide the information within 15 days."

The case again came up for hearing on **28.08.2018**. The respondent present from Health-2 Branch submitted a letter before the Commission stating that they are trying to trace out the record and sought an adjournment. The adjournment was granted and the PIO concerned was directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission, failing which action will be taken in accordance with the RTI Act also as mentioned in the earlier interim orders of the Commission.

The case was last heard on **08.10.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The appellant is absent. Vide letter received in the Commission on 04.10.2018, the appellant has informed that he is suffering from a medical problem and has sought adjournment.

The respondent present has pleaded that they have traced out the concerned file and the requisite information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 18.09.2018 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. Since the appellant is not present to point out the discrepancy, if any, the case is adjourned. The appellant is asked to inform the discrepancy to the PIO and the PIO is directed to sort out the same."

**Hearing dated 19.11.2018:**

The respondent present has pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. In the last hearing, the appellant was absent and he was asked to inform the discrepancy if any in the information provided. The appellant is again absent and has not pointed out any discrepancy. It seems that the appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 19.11.2018.**

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..... Appellant.

Versus

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Principal Secretary,  
Health & Family Welfare,  
Pb, Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
Principal Secretary,  
Health & Family Welfare,  
Pb, Chandigarh

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1313 of 2018**

Present:       None for the Appellant  
                  Sh.RamJatan, Sr.Assistant, O/o Principal Secretary Health & Family Welfare,Pb.,  
                  Chandigarh(Health-1 Branch) on behalf of the Respondent

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on 27.06.2018. It was ascertained that the information provided is not as per the RTI application but wishy washy. The PIO Health-I was directed to re-examine the RTI and provide the information to the appellant. If the concerned file is not traceable, the PIO was directed to give it in affidavit form as to the possible reasons for the missing file. And whether any action as per the department procedure has been followed to trace out the file

The case was again heard on **25.07.2018**. The Commission observed that the PIO has not followed up the RTI Application and is wasting the time of the Commission. The PIO Health-1 was directed to be present on the next date of hearing with solid reasons for not complying with the orders of the Commission and explain why action should not be taken against him under the RTI Act. He was also directed to provide the information within 15 days."

The case again came up for hearing on **28.08.2018**. The respondent pleaded that as the matter of information in this case is same as in appeal case No.1312 of 2018 – Dr.Kuldeep Singh V/s PIO, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab, the appeal case be adjourned for 08.10.2018 as they are trying to trace out the record. In the interest of justice, the case was adjourned and the PIO was directed to comply with the earlier order of the Commission which still stands failing which action will be taken in accordance with the RTI Act also as mentioned in the earlier interim orders of the Commission.

The case was last heard on **08.10.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The appellant is absent. Vide letter received in the Commission on 04.10.2018, the appellant has informed that he is suffering from a medical problem and has sought adjournment.

**Appeal Case No. 1313 of 2018**

The respondent present has pleaded that the matter of information in this case is same as in appeal case No.1312 of 2018. The respondent further pleaded that they have traced out the concerned file and the requisite information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 18.09.2018 and a copy of the same is submitted to the Commission. Since the appellant is not present to point out the discrepancy, if any, the case is adjourned. The appellant is asked to inform the discrepancy to the PIO and the PIO is directed to sort out the same."

**Hearing dated 19.11.2018:**

The respondent present has pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. In the last hearing, the appellant was absent and he was asked to inform the discrepancy if any in the information provided. The appellant is again absent and has not pointed out any discrepancy. It seems that the appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

No further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 19.11.2018.**

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Kothi No-1, Ward No-1, Near SD School,  
Fatehgarh Churian, Distt.Gurdaspur.

....Appellant.

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
Commissioner, Nagar Nigam,  
Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
Director, Local Govt,  
Sector-35, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1397 of 2018**

Present: Sh.Harbans Singh, as Appellant  
None for the Respondent

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on **27.06.2018**. Both the parties were absent and the case was adjourned.

The case was again heard on **25.07.2018**. Sh.D.P.Verma, Sr Asstt from the office of Director Local Govt. Chandigarh was present. The PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days of the receipt of order and also explain the reason for not providing the information within the prescribed time limit under the RTI Act.

The case again came up for hearing on **28.08.2018**: Ms.Harpreet Kaur, Building Inspector-cum-APIO from the office of Commissioner Nagar Nigam Amritsar was present for the respondent. The Commission found that the PIO's replies are vague and wishy washy. The reply that the appellant had not attached a valid ID holds no ground as the matter has already been adjudicated before the First Appellate Authority. Regarding the statement of the PIO that the information is third party, the Commission finds that the PIO has not even tended to the provisions of section 11(1) of the RTI Act.

The Commission found gross negligence on the part of PIO and directed the PIO to send a notice to the third party for their submission. The PIO was also directed to explain the reasons for delay in handling the RTI application."

The case was last heard on **26.09.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The order should be read in continuation with the last order whereby the commission had recorded gross negligence on the part of the PIO while tending to this RTI application. Nothing seems to have changed and the facts of the case are as follows-

1) The respondent is absent without intimation to the Commission.

2) The Information officer has preferred to not abide by either the order of the First Appellate Authority or the second appellate, which is the State Information Commission, Punjab. That the information officer appears to be stubbornly stuck on the point that since the appellant had not filed a proof of identification along with the RTI application, a must as per the orders of the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, the information cannot be provided and hence the application was dismissed. The reply was sent six days late as against the time limit of 30 days as per the RTI Act. Little does the PIO realize that in the same order the PIO had clearly mentioned that the aggrieved could go to the 1<sup>st</sup> appellant, which the appellant did on 4.10.17. It also must be noted that the purpose of identification is to ascertain the authenticity and the

address of the appellant, which the PIO has clearly ascertained while sending denial for information on 3.10.2017 at the appellant's address.

- 3) That the first appellant authority set aside the PIO's reason for denial of information in its order on 12.12.17 and directed that the appellant be provided the sought information. The appellant who had also flagged the PIO's willful attitude in the application was taken note of by the First appellant, which in the same order directed Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar to probe into the matter for delay in providing the information.
- 4) That the PIO did not abide by the order after which the appellant sent a reminder to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation requesting the commissioner to instruct the PIO Harpreet Kaur to provide with the information.
- 5) That the appellant after failing to get the requisite information appealed to the State Information Commission, which in its interim orders of 25.07.2018 upheld the 1st appellant's order and directed the PIO provide the information within ten days of receipt of the order. In the same order, the commission also directed the PIO to explain the reasons for not providing the information in time. The PIO abided by none.
- 6) At the next hearing (28.08.2018) the PIO appeared personally and cited the same reason for not providing information i.e. that the appellant had not attached an identity card. This reason was cited in spite of the orders of the Commission to provide the information.
- 7) The PIO on being told that her plea had become infructuous since two authorities had passed orders to provide the information, and the papers of the appellant were in order when filing both the appeals, the PIO took a detour by pleading that since the information was third party, it cannot be provided.
- 8) The commission taking the PIO's view into account, in the interim order instructed the PIO to issue a notice to the third party, which as per the RTI Act should have been issued within the stipulated time under the RTI Act.
- 9) That the respondent, who is absent for the hearing has failed to issue a notice to the third party in spite of the commission's directions.

### **Interim Order**

Keeping the above circumstances in view it appears that the PIO has developed an obstinate attitude and is trying to roughshod the RTI Act. The various developments over the last four hearings are indicative of this, and a possibility of a willful denial on the part of the PIO cannot be ruled out.

- 1) The PIO is hereby show-caused as to why a penalty of Rs.250/per day of delay subject to a maximum of Rs.25,000/- till the complete information is furnished be not imposed under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time and for not complying with the orders of the Commission. The PIO is directed to file an affidavit in this regard and is given an opportunity to put forward her defense in the matter.

If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

- 2) The commission also directs the PIO to provide part information to the appellant. The PIO is directed to give the names of the property holders but not the maps as asked in the application. Information to be provided within seven days of receipt of this order and a compliance report to be sent to the commission before the next date of hearing."

**Hearing dated 19.11.2018:**

The appellant has informed that the information has not been provided to him so far. The respondent is absent. In the last hearing, the APIO, Ms. Harpreet Kaur (to be the deemed PIO by the Commission) was issued show cause notice and she was directed to file an affidavit in this regard. The PIO was also directed to be present personally failing which the Commission will be constrained to act on the show-cause notice ex-parte.

The respondent is again absent. The PIO has neither provided the information nor replied to the show cause notice. The Commission has taken a very serious note of this. The PIO is hereby granted last opportunity to reply to the show cause and be present personally before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

Since there is continuous denial of the information on the part of the PIO, the Commission directs the Chief Commissioner, Nagar Nigam Amritsar to ensure compliance of the orders of the Commission and also to ensure the presence of the PIO before the Commission alongwith reply to the show cause.

The case is adjourned. To come up **on 15.01.2019** for further hearing.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 19.11.2018.**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**CC to : The Chief Commissioner,**  
**Nagar Nigam, Amritsar**

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Sh.Ravjot Singh, S/o Lt.Sh.Didar Singh,  
H No-386/10, Neem Wala, Chowk, Brown Road,  
Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
DTO,  
Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
DTO,  
Mohali.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1696 of 2018**

**Present: Sh.Ravjot Singh as Appellant**  
**None for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on **29.08.2018**. The respondent pleaded that the information relates to the office of SDM Kharar and the appellant has been informed for the same. The appellant was not satisfied. The PIO was directed to have a relook at the RTI and provide the information concerning to their department. The PIO was further directed to transfer the RTI application for the remaining information to the concerned department. The PIO, SDM Kharar was directed to provide the information which pertains to them in accordance with the RTI Act.

The case was last heard on **26.09.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The respondent present pleaded that since the vehicle in question for which the appellant has sought information was registered with the office of SDM, Kharar, they have transferred the RTI application to the PIO, SDM Kharar. The appellant is absent to point out whether he has received the information or not. One more opportunity is granted to the appellant to point out the discrepancy, if any, and be present on the next date of hearing.

The PIO-DTO Mohali is exempted for further appearance. The PIO-SDM, Kharar is directed to provide the information and be present on the next date of hearing."

**Hearing dated 19.11.2018:**

The appellant is present. He has informed that the information has not been provided to him so far.

In the last hearing, the PIO, SDM Kharar was directed to provide the information and be present on the next date of hearing. The PIO has not provided the information as pointed out by the appellant. The PIO-SDM Kharar is again directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days. The PIO is also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for delay in providing the information.

The case is adjourned. Both the parties to be present on **15.01.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 19.11.2018**

Sd/-  
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Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer,**  
DTO,  
Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
DTO,  
Faridkot

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1702 of 2018**

**Present:**      **Sh.Navjot Singh as Appellant**  
                    **Sh.Amrit Pal Singh, Sr.Assistant O/o RTO Faridkot for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was last heard on **29.08.2018**. Since both the parties were absent, the case was adjourned.

The case was last heard on **26.09.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

“The appellant is absent for second consecutive hearings without intimation to the Commission. It appears that the he is not interested to pursue his case.

The respondent is absent without intimation to the Commission twice. The Commission directs the PIO to file an affidavit with the reasons for not appearing before the Commission without intimation. The reply be sent within 15 days of the receipt of orders of the Commission.”

**Hearing dated 19.11.2018:**

The respondent present has pleaded that the information has been provided. The appellant informed that he has received the information and is satisfied.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required.

The case is **disposed off and closed**.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 19.11.2018**

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Tehsil & Distt Shri Fatehgarh Sahib.

Appellant.

Versus

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O/o DC,  
Distt. Shri. Fatehgarh Sahib.

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o Addl, DC,  
Distt. Shri. Fatehgarh Sahib.

...Respondent

**Appeal Case No. 1795 of 2018**

**Present: Sh.Gurpreet Singh as Appellant**  
**Sh.Iqbal Singh Panchayat Officer, BDPO Sirhind for the Respondent**

**ORDER:**

The case was first heard on 20.08.2018. The respondent was absent. The Commission received a letter diary No.16039 dated 06.8.2018 from the PIO, DDPO Fatehgarh Sahib vide which the PIO-DDPO has transferred the RTI to BDPO, Sirhind, instructing them to provide the information directly to the appellant.

The PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant within 15 days and be present on the next date of hearing. The PIO was also directed to explain the reasons for not providing the information within the time prescribed under the RTI Act."

The case was last heard on **26.09.2018**. The order is reproduced hereunder:

"The appellant informed that he has not received the information. The respondent present pleaded that he has just joined the seat as the earlier dealing person Sh.Tajinder Singh has been transferred. The respondent further assured that he will send the information within 10 days.

The PIO is hereby directed to provide the information within 10 days to the appellant and send compliance report to the Commission. Sh.Tajinder Singh is also directed to explain the reasons for delay in providing the information. The explanation be sent on an affidavit."

**Hearing dated 19.11.2018:**

The respondent present has pleaded that he has received the RTI application recently and assured to provide the information within 10 days. The PIO, BDPO Sirhind is given one more opportunity to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days and send compliance to the Commission. The PIO is also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing and explain the reasons for delay in providing the information. The explanation be sent on an affidavit.

The case is adjourned. Both the parties to be present on **15.01.2019 at 11.00 AM** for further hearing.

**Chandigarh**  
**Dated: 19.11.2018**

**Sd/-**  
**(Khushwant Singh)**  
**State Information Commissioner**

**CC to The PIO, BDPO Sirhind.**