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Jasbir Singh, Village – Bholapur Jhabewal, P. O. – Ramgarh, Distt.-Ludhiana-123455(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb. SCO 177-178, Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb. SCO 177-178, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2958 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO and to represent his case in person or through his representative.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, appeared in person in today's hearing.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in

person in today's hearing, seeks an adjournment in this case.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post within fifteen days from today and submit a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be sent by the concerned PIO) or not. He is also advised 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.

> The case is <u>adjourned to 4th March, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

V/s



Jasbir Singh, Village – Bholapur Jhabewal, P. O. – Ramgarh, Distt. – Ludhiana - 123455 (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb. SCO 177-178, Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb. SCO 177-178, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2960 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO and to represent his case in person or through his representative.

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, appeared in person in today's hearing.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, seeks an adjournment in this case.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post within fifteen days from today and submit a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be sent by the concerned PIO) or not. He is also advised 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.

> The case is <u>adjourned to 4th March, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

> > (Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



Jasbir Singh, Village – Bholapur Jhabewal, P. O. – Ramgarh, Distt. – Ludhiana - 123455 (Punjab)

... Appellant

...Respondents

V/s

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.

SCO 177-178, Sector 17, Chandigarh

Appeal Case No. 3009 of 2019

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

Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate(without any 'Vakalatnama'), for the respondent.

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO and to represent his case in person or through his representative. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.

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

Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing without any 'Vakalatnama', states that information has been supplied to the appellant but he has not brought a copy of the same with him. He also orally intimates the Commission that the concerned PIO is unable to attend today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the 'Authority Letter' dated 16.01.2020 submitted by Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate, during the court is not in original as it is only a photo copy and that is also without mentioning case number. It is also found that the signatures, which has been done on that paper is not of Secretary, it is signed by 'For Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot' which is also not in original. It is also found that it is in not in the shape of 'Vakalatnama', it is only a copy of an 'Authority Letter', which must be in original in the shape of proper vakalatnama duly authorized and signed by Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot himself. In view of all the above, the above-said 'Authority Letter' is not acceptable and cognizance of that authority letter should not be taken.

Appeal Case No. 3009 of 2019

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 2509 dated 17.01.2020 signed by Public Information Officercum-Assistant Transport Officer, Faridkot, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, intimating that the information, sought by the appellant is getting prepared as per official record and the appellant, if willing, can inspect the same. It is taken on record.

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After examining the documents placed on record, it is also found that through a show-cause notice, issued vide orders dated 21.11.2019, directions were given to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer, who is Assistant Transport Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.</u>

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head	0070 -Other Administrative Services
Subj-Major Head 60 - Other Services	
Minor Head	800 - Other Receipts
Sub-Head	86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head	0070 Other Administrative Services
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

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

The case is adjourned to 4th March, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th January, 2020



Jasbir Singh, Village – Bholapur Jhabewal, P. O. – Ramgarh, Distt. – Ludhiana - 123455 (Punjab)

ORDER

V/s

... Appellant

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb. SCO 177-178, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3011 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person. Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate(without any 'Vakalatnama'), for the respondent.

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO and to represent his case in person or through his representative. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.

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

Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing without any 'Vakalatnama', states that information has been supplied to the appellant but he has not brought a copy of the same with him. He also orally intimates the Commission that the concerned PIO is unable to attend today's hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the 'Authority Letter' dated 16.01.2020 submitted by Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate, during the court is not in original as it is only a photo copy and that is also without mentioning case number. It is also found that the signatures, which has been done on that paper is not of Secretary, it is signed by 'For Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot' which is also not in original. It is also found that it is in not in the shape of 'Vakalatnama', it is only a copy of an 'Authority Letter', which must be in original in the shape of proper vakalatnama duly authorized and signed by Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot himself. In view of all the above, the above-said 'Authority Letter' is not acceptable and cognizance of that authority letter should not be taken.

Appeal Case No. 3011 of 2019 -2-

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 2504 dated 17.01.2020 signed by Public Information Officercum-Assistant Transport Officer, Faridkot, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, intimating that the information, sought by the appellant is getting prepared as per official record and the appellant, if willing, can inspect the same. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is also found that through a show-cause notice, issued vide orders dated 21.11.2019, directions were given to the concerned PIO to appear before the Commission personally but he did not visit the Commission to attend the hearing, which reflects that he is trying to delay in supplying the required information to the information-seeker. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

For making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act, a penalty of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) is imposed upon the concerned Public Information Officer, who is Assistant Transport Officer of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.</u>

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head	0070 -Other Administrative Services
Subj-Major Head	60 - Other Services
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Sub-Head	86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005
Detailed Head	0070 Other Administrative Services
	60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts-
	86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005

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

The case is <u>adjourned to 4th March, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

> (Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



Tejinder Singh, Advocate, Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kendra, Phillaur – 144410 Distt. - Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Roopnagar (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3018 of 2019

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person. Sh. Amandeep Sharma, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post at his given address within two weeks from that day. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO and to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Sh. Amandeep Sharma, Junior Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate through registered post.

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he has received the information but complete information has not been given to him at point no. 05 and 06 of the RTI request.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO to supply the remaining information to the appellant in connection with point no. 05 and 06 of the RTI request to the appellant through an e-mail by the next date of hearing under intimation to the Commission.

The case is <u>adjourned to 4th March, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

V/s

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Tejinder Singh, Advocate, Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kendra, Phillaur – 144410 Distt. - Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Banga (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Regional Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Pb., Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3021 of 2019

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person. None on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and Sh. Yashpal Singh, Sanitary Inspector-cum-APIO, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO and submitted a reply vide letter no. 2281 dated 20.11.2019, showing that the requisite information was supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 2254 dated 06.11.2019 through registered post. Another opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO through registered post with a copy to the Commission.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 112 dated 20.01.2020 signed by Public Information Officercum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Banga, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate vide letter no. 2254 dated 06.11.2019 through registered post. It, alongwith annexure with a copy of postal receipt, is taken on record

A copy of the information (from the case-file), sent by the respondent-PIO is handed over to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today.

After going through the information supplied, the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, through a letter dated 20.01.2020, 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>** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

V/s



Tejinder Singh, Advocate, Civil Court, Tehsil Complex, Backside Sanjh Kendra, Phillaur – 144410 Distt. - Jalandhar (Punjab)

...Appellant

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

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb. SCO 177-178, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3022 of 2019

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person. Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate, on behalf of the respondent. ORDER

This case was last heard on 21.11.2019 and last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post and an opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO and to represent his case in person or through his representative. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot.

Sh. Jaspreet Singh, Advocate, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate. He also hands over a copy of the same to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 01 Spl. dated 20.11.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport officer, Faridkot, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. It is taken on record.

After going through the information supplied, the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, through a letter dated 20.01.2020, has acknowledged that he has received the requisite information and satisfied with the same. It is taken on record.

Appeal Case No. 3022 of 2019 -2-

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO has sent a reply vide letter no. 2505 dated 12.01.2020 as a reply to the show-cause issued to him vide orders dated 21.11.2019, signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport officer, Faridkot, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail. It is taken on record.

After going through the reply, sent by the respondent PIO concerned and finding it genuine, the show cause issued to the concerned PIO is <u>dropped</u>. Moreover, the appellant has also given his consent to close the case, hence, the instant appeal case is announced as <u>disposed of and closed</u>.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th January, 2020



Jagjit Singh S/o Sh. Hukam Singh, R/o House no. 459-A, Sector 61, Chandigarh

....Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Complaint Case No. 379 of 2019

Present : Sh. Jagjit Singh, the complainant in person.

- i) Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent(Grade-I)-cum-APIO(RTI Branch);
- ii) Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (RTI Branch); on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 26.11.2019 and the Assistant Director

(Admin. Branch/Recruitment) was directed to file a point wise reply to each and every query (whichever query related to Admin. Branch/Recruitment) raised by the appellant through his RTI request. He was also advised to ensure presence of any of official of his office as a representative to represent this case to clear the facts of this case.

The complainant, Sh. Jagjit Singh, appeared in person in today's

hearing.

Sh. Mewa Singh, Superintendent(Grade-I)-cum-APIO and Sh. Sukhjinder

Singh, Junior Assistant, both of RTI Branch, who appeared in today's hearing, intimate the Commission that concerned official of branch of Admin. Branch/Recruitment -1 is on leave today and seeks an adjournment in this case.

The request is granted.

The case is <u>adjourned to 27th January, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.</u> The next date of hearing has been announced in the open court. Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

> (Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



Sawinder Singh

S/o Sh. Bal Singh, VPO - Shutrana, Tehsil Patran, Distt. Patiala -147105 (Punjab)

V/s

....Appellant

Public Information Officer,

O/o The Executive Engineer, Central Works Division, PWD B&R, Pb., Sangrur at Patiala (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Superintending Engineer, Central Works Circle, PWD B&R, Pb., 17- Bays Building, Room No. 6-7, Backside Head Office, Sector -17, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1427 of 2019

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

Sh. Harwinder Singh, Assistant Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 26.11.2019 and Sh. Prateek Singla, Sub Divisional Engineer, submitted a reply vide letter dated Nil signed by Public Information Officer-Executive Engineer, Central Works Division, PWD B&R, Punjab, Sangrur at Patiala, showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 3376 dated 03.10.2019 through registered post. The appellant through a letter dated 20.11.2019, had pointed out deficiencies in the information given to him at point no. 02 (A) (B) and (C) of his RTI request. The respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record in connection with information at point no. 02 (A) (B) and (C) on 16.12.2019 at 11:00 A. M. The respondent-PIO concerned was directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him as per official record through registered post.

Sh. Harwinder Singh, Assistant Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Sawinder Singh.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4174 dated 18.12.2019 signed by Executive Engineer, Central Works Division, PWD B&R, Pb., Sangrur at Patiala, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 75 dated 01.01.2020, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has been supplied to the appellant, It is taken on record.

Appeal Case No. 1427 of 2019 -2-

The appellant, Sh. Sawinder Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that he is not satisfied with the information that has been given to him by the respondent.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to file a point wise reply to each and every query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request as per official record on the next date of hearing. He is also directed to send that reply in advance to the appellant though registered post and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing to establish the fact that order of the Commission has been complied with.

An opportunity is given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information (which would be supplied to him by the respondent PIO), in writing, to the respondent PIO well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned.

> The case is <u>adjourned to 4th March, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th January, 2020

V/s



Tejinder Singh, Advocate, Village – Bholapur, P. O. – Ramgarh, Chd. Road, Ludhiana - 141123 (Punjab)

...Appellant

Public Information Officer, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondents Appeal Case No. 2652 of 2019

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person. Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, in person. ORDER

This case was last heard on 26.11.2019 and Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant

Transport Officer-cum-PIO, submitted a copy of reply vide letter no. 30716 dated 22.10.2019, showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant vide letter no. 7343 dated 18.03.2019 and again vide letter no. 30716 dated 22.10.2019 (both letters) through registered post. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the supplied information, in writing, to the respondent PIO and to represent his case in person or through his representative.

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, seeks an adjournment in this case.

The request is granted.

An opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to 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.

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

Date : 20th January, 2020

Tejinder Singh, Advocate, Village – Bholapur, P. O. – Ramgarh, Chd. Road, Ludhiana - 141123 (Punjab) V/s

Public Information Officer, O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Transport, Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Transport, Pb. Mini Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2653 of 2019

Present : Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate, the appellant in person. Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 26.11.2019 and Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person on that day, submitted a copy of reply vide letter no. 30716 dated 22.10.2019, showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant. An opportunity was given to the appellant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the supplied information, in writing, to the respondent PIO and to represent his case in person or through his representative.

The appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate , who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO till date.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the requisite information sought for by the appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate is not specific, whereas on the last hearing, he said that the information had been sent.

After going through the RTI request, it emerges that the appellant has sought action taken report on a complaint, accordingly, an opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to file a reply to the query, raised by the appellant through his RTI request by or on the next date of hearing.

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

Date : 20th January, 2020

... Appellant





Balvir Singh Sidhu

S/o Late Sh. Chuhar Singh Sidhu, Chamber No. 1018, Court Complex, District. Courts, Ludhiana(141001) Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

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

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 173 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Gurvinder Singh, Data Entry Operator, on behalf of the respondent.

This case was last heard on 29.10.2019 and the complainant was

advised to inspect the relevant official record on 14.11.2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Sh. Gurvinder Singh, Data Entry Operator, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 140 dated 09.01.2020 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-Licensing Authority, Mansa, intimating that the complainant did not visit the office of the respondent to inspect the relevant official record on 14.11.2019 at 11:00 A. M. It is taken on record.

Sh. Gurvinder Singh, Data Entry Operator, also submits a reply dated 29.10.2019 in an affidavit, stating that list of registration of vehicles from other states, is not available in the official record and part information regarding NOCs of vehicles is 'third party' information. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Balvir Singh Sidhu, was not present on the hearings, held on 26.08.2019 and 29.10.2019. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has also not 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.

After going through the reply dated 29.10.2019, sent by the respondent PIO concerned and finding its contents genuine, the show cause issued to the concerned PIO is <u>dropped</u> and the case is <u>disposed of and closed</u>.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



Ms. Renu Sharma,

(Regd. Post)

W/o Late Sh. Raj Kumar Sharma, House No. 194, Model Town, Near Guru Nanak Park, Pathankot(Punjab)

V/s

....Complainant

Public Information Officer, O/o Station House Officer, Police Station City, Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur(Punjab)

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1083 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.

Sh. Tarsem Lal, A. S. I., on behalf of the respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 23.10.2019 and Sh. Parkash Singh, A. S. I., stated that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information was supplied to the complainant. Sh. Anurag Sharma(representative of the complainant), stated that information supplied to the complainant is incomplete and misleading. Accordingly, the respondent PIO, who is Station House Officer, Police Station City, Gurdaspur was advised to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case alongwith relevant official record to clear the facts of this case.

The complainant, Ms. Renu Sharma, is not present in today's hearing.

Sh. Tarsem Lal, A. S. I., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, seeks an adjournment in this case.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that Station House Officer, Police Station City, Gurdaspur was directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this

case alongwith relevant official record vide orders dated 23.10.2019 but he did not appear in today's hearing. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker till date.

In view of the above, <u>a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to</u> <u>Public Information Officer concerned of office of Station House Officer, Police Station City, Gurdaspur, as to</u> <u>why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI</u> <u>applicant.</u>

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. <u>A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post</u>.

The case is adjourned to 4th March, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

(Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



Balvir Singh Sidhu

S/o Late Sh. Chuhar Singh Sidhu, Chamber No. 1018, Court Complex, District. Courts, Ludhiana(141001) Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s

Public Information Officer,

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

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 172 of 2019

Present : Non on behalf of the complainant. Sh. Gurcharan Singh Sandhu, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

<u>ORDER</u>

This case was last heard on 29.10.2019 and the respondent was directed to comply with the order dated 26.08.2019 by filing a written-reply, in the shape of an affidavit, to the queries raised by the complainant through his RTI request.

The complainant, Sh. Balvir Singh Sidhu, is not present in today's hearing.

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

appeared in person, in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, a reply has been given to the complainant, Sh. Balvir Singh Sidhu Vide letter no. 9459 dated 22.01.2019 intimating him that part information regarding list of vehicles of other states, which have been re-registered during the period (demanded though RTI request) i. e. January 2008 to November, 2018 is not prepared and part information regarding NOCs of vehicles is 'third party' information and exempted from disclosure as per Section 8 (1) (d) of the RTI Act. It is placed in the case-file.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the order dated 26.08.2019(passed by the Commission) by filing a written-reply, in the shape of an affidavit, to the queries raised by the complainant through his RTI request by or on the next date of hearing positively.

> The case is <u>adjourned to 4th March, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.</u> Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

> > (Sanjiv Garg) State Information Commissioner Punjab



Amandeep Singh S/o Sh. Zora Singh, Behind Durga Mata Mandir, Sunset Village (BRS Nagar), Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone –D, Ludhiana(Punjab).

First Appellate Authority, O/o The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone –D, Ludhiana(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1549 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant. None on behalf of the respondent. ORDER

This case was last heard on 23.10.2019 and Sh. Harjit Singh, Draftsman, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO and stated that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has been sent to the appellant.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 379 dated 09.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Zone –D, Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Amandeep Singh through registered post vide appended to which is postal receipt . It, alongwith annexure is taken on record.

The appellant was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 23.10.2019. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. He has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied to him, to the respondent-PIO, nor approached the Commission with any contrary claim in that regard.

In view of the above, it is assumed that the appellant is satisfied with the information supplied to him and does not wish to pursue this case further and hence the case is <u>disposed of and closed</u>.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th January, 2020