

Salil Kumar
S/o Sh. Chaman Lal,
24/2, Kashmir Avenue,
Gopa Mandir Chowk,
Majitha Road, Amritsar (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 585 of 2019

Present : Sh. Salil Kumar, the appellant in person.
Sh. Jatinder Kumar, S. D. O.(P.W.D), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 18.12.2019 and last opportunity was given to respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 10.01.2020 at 11:30 A. M. regarding remaining 69 pages with the directions to supply the remaining information, which would be identified by the appellant after inspection, to him.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 4290 dated 20.01.2020 signed by Executive Engineer, Construction Division No.2, PWD B&R, Kapurthala, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 1652 dated 24.01.2020, has intimated the Commission that the appellant through telephonic message has shown his in-availability to visit the office to inspect the relevant official record on 10.01.2020 and accordingly 20.01.2020 was fixed for inspection of the relevant official record but the appellant again has shown his non-availability to visit the office to inspect the relevant official record on 20.01.2020. It is taken on record.

Sh. Jatinder Kumar, S. D. O.(P.W.D), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that he has brought the relevant official record in the Commission so that the same could be identified by the appellant during the hearing.

After going through the relevant official record, the appellant, Sh. Salil Kumar, who appeared in person in today's hearing, identified the required information.

Sh. Jatinder Kumar, S. D. O.(P.W.D), states that the information, which has been identified by the appellant during the hearing, would be supplied to him positively.

The appellant, Sh. Salil Kumar, during the hearing, states that if Sh. Jatinder Kumar, S. D. O. would provide him the information, which has been identified by him during the hearing, he will have no objection if the case is closed today itself.

In view of the above, the case is **disposed of and closed** with the directions that the respondent PIO will supply certified copies of the information, which has been identified by the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today.

The appellant is also at liberty to approach the Commission if the respondent does not comply with the orders passed by the Commission.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3451 of 2018

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 18.12.2019 and the appellant was advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, through a letter dated 20.02.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 308 dated 19.02.2020 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing due to 'Vidhan Sabha Session' and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to submit a copy of the postal receipt, through which information has been sent to the appellant on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information from the respondent PIO or not.

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

The case is **adjourned to 28th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th February, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab



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

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3452 of 2018

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 18.12.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the Appellant, to him by registered post

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, through a letter dated 20.02.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 308 dated 19.02.2020 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing due to 'Vidhan Sabha Session' and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to submit a copy of the postal receipt, through which information has been sent to the appellant on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information from the respondent PIO or not.

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

The case is **adjourned to 28th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th February, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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

...Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Executive Officer,
Nagar Council,
Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3450 of 2018

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 18.12.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which have been pointed out by the Appellant, to him by registered post

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, through a letter dated 20.02.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 308 dated 19.02.2020 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Executive Officer, Nagar Council, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing due to 'Vidhan Sabha Session' and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to submit a copy of the postal receipt, through which information has been sent to the appellant on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information from the respondent PIO or not.

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

The case is **adjourned to 28th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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

...Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3117 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Hardeep Singh, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 18.12.2019 and the respondent-PIO was directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per his queries raised by him through his RTI request.

The appellant, Sh. Narinder Singh Saggu, is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission

Sh. Hardeep Singh, Junior Engineer, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 234 dated 18.02.2020 signed by Public Information Officer office of Municipal Corporation, Pathankot, showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Narinder Singh Saggu vide letter dated 17.02.2020 in person, appended to which is written note dated 17.02.2020 signed by the appellant as an acknowledgement of having received the requisite information, through which he claimed that he is satisfied with the information supplied and asked for filing of his case. It is taken on record.

Since the information stands supplied, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Director,
Technical Education
& Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab
Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 684 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
i) Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director (I. T. Wing) ;
ii) Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing) ;
iii) Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Wing), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 18.12.2019 and the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to file a point wise reply, in the shape of an affidavit, to each and every query, raised by the complainant through his RTI request and send the same to the appellant positively by 15.01.2019 with a copy to the Commission. The complainant was also advised to point-out deficiencies, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO within ten days from the receipt of the reply. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Wing), who appeared in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu.

Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director (I. T. Wing) who appeared in today's hearing with Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant, submits a reply vide letter no. 224 dated 20.02.2020, appended to which is a point-wise reply as 'self-declaration', which is taken on record.

Sh. J. M. Singh, representative of the complainant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu through a letter dated 13.02.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 3003 dated 13.02.2020, has intimated the Commission that the complainant is unable to move and requested for exemption in this case. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the above-mentioned reply to the complainant through registered post at his residential address within two weeks from today and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the above-mentioned reply (which would be sent by the concerned PIO) or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO through registered post with a copy to the Commission. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing or the case would be decided on merits.

Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Wing), has requested to exempt him from personal appearance in further hearing of this case.

The request is granted and he is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case.

The request is granted and he is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case.

The case is **adjourned to 29th April, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

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

...Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Director,
Technical Education
& Industrial Training Deptt., Punjab
Sector-36A, Chandigarh (U.T.)

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 685 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
i) Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director (I. T. Wing) ;
ii) Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing) ;
iii) Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Wing), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 18.12.2019 and the respondent-PIO concerned was directed to file a point wise reply, in the shape of an affidavit, to each and every query, raised by the complainant through his RTI request and send the same to the appellant positively by 15.01.2019 with a copy to the Commission. The complainant was also advised to point-out deficiencies, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO within ten days from the receipt of the reply. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training, under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Wing), who appeared in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu.

Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director (I. T. Wing) who appeared in today's hearing with Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant, submits a reply vide letter no. 225 dated 20.02.2020, appended to which is a point-wise reply as 'self-declaration', which is taken on record.

Sh. J. M. Singh, representative of the complainant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu through a letter dated 13.02.2020, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 3003 dated 13.02.2020, has intimated the Commission that the complainant is unable to move and requested for exemption in this case. It is taken on record.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to send the above-mentioned reply to the complainant through registered post at his residential address within two weeks from today and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the above-mentioned reply (which would be sent by the concerned PIO) or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO through registered post with a copy to the Commission. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing or the case would be decided on merits.

Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Wing), has requested to exempt him from personal appearance in further hearing of this case.

The request is granted and he is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case.

The request is granted and he is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case.

The case is **adjourned to 29th April, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia,
New Ward No.- 18, Street No. – 2,
Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road,
Khanna - 141401 (Punjab)

....Appellant

V/s

Public Information Officer,
O/o Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Khanna(Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o Regional Deputy Director,
Urban Local Government, 1st Floor,
Mini Secretariat, Ferozpur Road,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1260 of 2019

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.
i) Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer, in person ;
ii) Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 18.12.2019 and a copy of the order was sent to the Director, Local Government Punjab, Chandigarh with the directions to take disciplinary action against the concerned PIO office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna, District Ludhiana under intimation to the Commission. He was also advised to ensure compliance of the order dated 22.10.2019 passed by the Commission through which penalty of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) was imposed upon Public Information Officer Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna, District Ludhiana.

Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing with Sh. Ajay Kumar, Junior Engineer, submits a reply vide letter no. 2043 dated 20.02.2020, showing that complete information has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia. He also hands over the same to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he is satisfied with the information/reply given to him and asked for filing of his case.

Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer, also submits a reply vide letter no. 2042 dated 19.02.2020, with the request to withdraw the orders dated 18.12.2019 through which disciplinary action has been recommended against him as order passed by the Commission vide order dated 22.10.2019, through which penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- was imposed upon Public Information Officer Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna, has been complied. A copy of challan receipt of treasury is taken on record.

After going through the reply, submitted by Sh. Ranbir Singh, Executive Officer, it emerges that order passed by the Commission vide order dated 22.10.2019, through which penalty amount of Rs. 5000/- was imposed upon Public Information Officer Public Information Officer office of Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna, has been complied and there is no malafide on the part of the respondent PIO concerned in causing the delay in complying the order passed by the Commission, hence, the order dated 18.12.2019 passed by the Bench of the under-signed to take disciplinary action against the concerned PIO is **dropped** and a copy of this order be sent to the Director, Local Government Punjab, Chandigarh for intimation through registered post.

With this, the case is **disposed of and closed**.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Sumeet Saini,
H. No. 31, Saingarh,
Pathankot (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3788 of 2019

Present : Sh. Sumeet Saini, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sulakhan Singh, A. S. I., on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 18.12.2019 and an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the information, after removing the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant.

Sh. Sulakhan Singh, A. S. I., who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that the deficiencies, which were pointed out by the appellant, have been removed.

The appellant, Sh. Sumeet Saini, who appeared in person in today's hearing, states that the reply given to him by the respondent PIO is not in proper manner as it is not as per queries raised by him through letter dated 18.12.2019, through which he has pointed out certain deficiencies.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to file a point wise reply to the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant through letter dated 18.12.2019 and send the same to the appellant with a copy to the Commission through registered post by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 28th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**



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

...Appellant

V/s

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

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

...Respondents

Appeal Case No. 3648 of 2019

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

ORDER

This case was last heard on 18.12.2019 and none of the parties were present and another opportunity was given to the parties to represent this case in person or through their representative.

The appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, through a letter dated 20.02.2020, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing and requested for an adjournment in this case. It is taken on record.

Neither the respondent PIO nor any of his representative is present in today's hearing. He has also not sent any intimation regarding his non-availability. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach of the respondent PIO.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Mullanpur Dakha as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the information-seeker under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 28th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

Gaurav Kumar Behki
S/o Sh. Nand Kishore,
R/o Village Ghanauli,
Tehsil & Distt.. Roopnagar (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Director,
Deptt. Of State Transport, Punjab,
Sector 17, Jiwandeep Building,
Chandigarh

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 623 of 2019

Present : Sh. Gaurav Kumar Behki, the complainant, in person.
i) Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO, in person ;
ii) Sh. Lalit Kumar, Senior Assistant O/o Director, State Transport,
Pb., Chandigarh ;
iii) Sh. Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant O/o PUNBUS, Chandigarh, for
the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 15.01.2020 and the complainant stated that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO. Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO, submitted a reply vide letter no. 15579 dated 19.11.2019 signed by Superintendent (Establishment - 3 Branch), intimating that the information, sought by the complainant through RTI request is fifteen years old and the case-file is not found traceable in the official record and sought an adjournment in this case so that more efforts could be put to trace out the relevant official record and information could be supplied to the complainant. The request was granted.

The complainant, Sh. Gaurav Kumar Behki, 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. Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, with Sh. Lalit Kumar and Sh. Darshan Singh, both Senior Assistants, requests for an adjournment in this case so that more efforts could be put to trace out the relevant official record and information could be supplied to the complainant.

The request is granted.

The case is **adjourned to 29th April, 2020 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th February, 2020

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Harjeet Singh,
MCB, 5981, Street Number 11/3,
Guru Gobind Singh
Nagar, Bathinda – 151001(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2191 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
i) Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director (I. T. Wing) ;
ii) Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing) ;
iii) Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Wing), for the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 18.12.2019 and last opportunity was given to the PIO of office of I. T. Wing office of Technical Education and Industrial Training, to supply the certified copies of the required information, whichever relates to his branch. A show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act was issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Industrial Training Wing, office of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Chandigarh.

The appellant, Sh. Harjeet Singh, is absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission.

Sh. Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director (I. T. Wing) who appeared in today's hearing with Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant, states that in response to the RTI request, the information, whichever relates to his branch, has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Harjeet Singh and rest of the information relates with branch of Assistant Director, (Admin.-1/Recruitment Branch).

Accordingly, a copy of this order be sent to Sh. Balbir Singh, Assistant Director, (Admin.-1/Recruitment Branch) office of Director, Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab with the directions to supply the information to the appellant, whichever relates to his branch through registered post and submit a copy of the postal receipt. He is also directed to appear in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing positively.

Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Wing), who appeared in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Harjeet Singh.

Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Wing), has requested to exempt him from personal appearance in further hearing of this case.

The request is granted and he is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case.

The case is **adjourned to 27th April, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 20th February, 2020

**(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab**

(Regd. Post)

Sh. Balbir Singh,
Assistant Director,
(Admin.-1/Recruitment Branch)
O/o The Director,
Department of Technical Education
and Industrial Training, Punjab,
Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

Sanjeev Thakur(Press Reporter)
S/o Sh. Baldev Singh Salaria,
Village - GudhaKhurd,
P.O.- Madhopur Cantt. - 145024,
Tehsil & Distt. – Pathankot (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer,
O/o The General Manager,
Punjab Roadways, Pathankot (Punjab)

First Appellate Authority,
O/o The Administrative Officer –cum-
Executive Director (Admin.), PUNBUS,
Jeevandeep Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 1530 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant O/o Director, PUNBUS, Chandigarh;
- ii) Sh. Pradeep Singh, Clerk O/o G. M., Pb. Roadways, Pathankot, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 18.12.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 27.12.2019 at 11:30 A. M. so that he could identify the information. The respondent-PIO was advised to supply the required information to the appellant in electronic form i. e. in the shape of CD and also to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case so that facts of this case could be cleared.

Sh. Darshan Singh, Senior Assistant office of Director, PUNBUS, Chandigarh and Sh. Pradeep Singh, Clerk office of G. M., Pb. Roadways, Pathankot, who appeared in today's hearing, state that the appellant has not visited the office for inspection of official record. They also submit a reply vide letter no. 2965 dated 24.12.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum- General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Pathankot, showing that a reply was sent to the appellant to deposit the required fee to collect the information of 5968 pages.

The appellant, Sh. Sanjeev Thakur, through a letter, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail dated 18.02.2020, has intimated the Commission that the PIO had demanded Rs. 11,000/- to supply him the required information towards cost of the same by way of fees.

As on the last date of hearing, held on 18.12.2019, the respondent PIO concerned was directed to supply the information to the appellant, which would be identified by him after inspection in electronic form i. e. in the shape of CD and the PIO has demanded the fee from him and did not supply the information to him.

As the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker as directed vide orders dated 18.12.2019, **a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Pathankot, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/denial in supplying the information to the RTI applicant and under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.**

The PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) provision, thereto, for a personal hearing before the imposition of such penalty on the next date of hearing. He may note that in case he does not file his submission and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceedings against him ex-parte. A copy of this order be sent to him/her through registered post.

Last opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 13.03.2020 at 11:00 A. M. so that he could identify the information. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 13.03.2020 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

The respondent-PIO concerned is directed to supply the required information to the appellant 'free of cost', which would be identified by him after inspection in electronic form i. e. in the shape of CD by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIO in CD) 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 by the next date of hearing. He is also advised to represent this case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 28th April, 2020 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.