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**Sh. Jasbir Singh, (9888296107)**

Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Vill. Bholapur, Jhabewal,  
PO Ramgarh,  
Distt. Ludhiana – 141123

Appellant

Versus

**(Show Cause)**

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o Regional Transport Office,  
Sangrur

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o RTA, Sangrur

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 539 of 2021**

**Through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** None present.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with earlier order dated: 7.7.2021 vide which respondent PIO requested for an adjournment with the assurance to send the requisite information within 2 days and appellant was advised to go through the information and point out deficiency, on its receipt. The case was adjourned to 23.9.2021 and further postponed to 20.4.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant is not present but an email dated 18.04.2022 is received by the undersigned Bench stating that information is still pending from the respondent. This email is taken on record.
3. Neither the respondent PIO is present for today's hearing nor he complied with the previous order of the Commission dated 07.07.2021.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o RTA, Sangrur** is directed to **show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

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

**Appeal Case No.: 539 of 2021**

**Through CISCO Webex**

5. The case will come up for hearing on **27.07.2022 at 11.00 A.M. through Cisco webex**. Announced in the court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Date: 20.4.2022**

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**Sh. Ravinder Kataria (9463133590, 8544841830)**  
#64, New Sant Fateh Singh Nagar,  
Dugri Road, Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer,  
Ferozepur

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer,  
Ferozepur

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 63 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Ravinder Kataria, the appellant.  
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 7.7.2021 vide which appellant was advised to visit of the respondent's office for inspection of the record on 12.7.2021. The case was adjourned for further hearing to 23.9.2021 & further postponed to 20.4.2022.
2. In today's hearing the appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria states that complete requisite information has not been supplied to him even after his visit to the respondent's office as per the directions of the Hon'ble Commission.
3. Respondent PIO is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing. A final opportunity is awarded to him to supply the attested copy of complete requisite information to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order. He is also directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case, failing which stern action shall be taken against him for not obeying orders of the Commission.
4. To come up on **03.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties  
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**Dated: 20.4.2022**

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Dugri Road, Ludhiana



Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer,  
Bathinda

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer,  
Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 60 of 2021**

**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:**

(i) Appellant: Sh. Ravinder Kataria.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Mukesh Bhatia (Section Officer) present

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 7.7.2021 vide which appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria was advised to visit respondent's office for inspection of the record on 19.7.2021. The case was adjourned for further hearing to 23.9.2021 & further postponed to 20.4.2022.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present. Appellant points out the deficiencies during the hearing.
3. Respondent, Sh. Mukesh Bhatia states that the details of challans has been got noted, that will be provided to the appellant soon.
4. In view of the above, only traffic challans may be given to the appellant within 15 days failing which stern action shall be taken against the respondent PIO.
5. To come up on **03.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties

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Dugri Road, Ludhiana



Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer,  
Ferozepur

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Officer,  
Ferozepur

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 62 of 2021**

**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:**

(i) Sh. Ravinder Kataria, the appellant in person.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sukhjinder Singh (APIO) (9501475600)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 7.7.2021 vide which appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria was advised to visit respondent's office for inspection of the record on 12.7.2021. The case was adjourned for further hearing to 23.9.2021 & further postponed to 20.4.2022.
2. In today's hearing the appellant, Sh. Ravinder Kataria states that complete requisite information has not been supplied to him even after his visit to the respondent's office as per the directions of the Hon'ble Commission.
3. Respondent PIO is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing. A final opportunity is awarded to him to supply the attested copy of complete requisite information to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order. He is also directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case, failing which stern action shall be taken against him for not obeying orders of the Commission.
4. To come up on **03.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties

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**Sh. Gurpreet Singh (7814044919)**  
# 163, Sector-45,  
Chandigarh.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Deptt. Of Technical Education &  
Industrial Training(Industrial Wing), Pb, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Deptt. Of Technical Education &  
Industrial Training(Industrial Wing), Pb, Chandigarh

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 2083 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Gurpreet Singh, the appellant in person.  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sanjiv Kumar

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.10.2021 vide which, respondent was directed to supply the information before the next date of hearing. The case was adjourned for further hearing to 20.4.2022.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present. The appellant states that he has sent many reminders to the respondent but he did not get the requisite information.
3. The respondent states that Vigilance department has denied for supply of information under Section 8(h) of the RTI Act as the enquiry is under-way and is exempted.
4. After examining the documents placed on record, I am of the considered view that requisite information is not fully exempted and could be supplied to the appellant. Respondent PIO is directed to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 13.10.2021 immediately.
5. The respondent requests the court that appellant may be advised for inspection of record. After inspection identified pages shall be supplied to him.
6. After hearing both the parties, the court directs both the appellant & respondent to decide date of inspection mutually and get the record inspected. After inspection supply the identified information within 10 days from today.
7. To come up on **10.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties  
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**Dated: 20.4.2022**

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**Sh. Rajinder Singh (9464863510)**

S/o Sh. Jaspal Singh  
VPO Amarpura, Tehsil Abohar  
Distt.Fazilka 152116

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Joint Secy., PSEB, Mohali

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Secy., PSEB, Mohali

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 946 of 2021**

**Through CISCO Webex**

**Present:**

(i) Appellant- absent

(ii) For the respondent: Ms. Rakesh Khullar (Superintendent-Affiliation Branch).

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 7.7.2021 vide which it was observed that complete information is not exempted and respondent PIO was directed to supply point-wise reply/information within 15 days from 07.07.2021. The case was adjourned for further hearing to 20.4.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Ms. Rakesh Khullar states that reply has already been supplied to the appellant as per the directions of the Commission dated 07.07.2021. She adds that a similar case is also disposed of & closed by the Commission on 04.02.2021.
3. Appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission. A final opportunity is given to him to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing which case will be closed.
4. The case will come up for hearing on **10.08.2022 at 11.00 A.M. through Cisco webex.** Announced in the court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties  
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**Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma (9855890233)**  
C/o New Sharma Furniture House,  
Partap Bazar, Chheharta  
Distt. Amritsar 143105

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Punjab Bus Metro Society, Verka By-pass,  
Amritsar

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Punjab Bus Metro Society, Verka By-pass,  
Amritsar

Respondent

**Appeal Case No: 2953 of 2021**  
**Notice of Hearing through**

**Present:** (i) Appellant- absent  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Kamal Kaushal, AMF

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.03.2022 vide which appellant joined CISCO meeting after leaving the meeting by the respondent. Both the parties were directed to represent this case on the next date of to 20.4.2022.
2. In day's hearing, respondent Sh. Kamal Kaushal states that requisite information could not be supplied as information sought vide RTI application relates to the charitable agencies which does not fall in the ambit of RTI Act. He adds that supporting documents will be sent to the Commission today.
3. Appellant is absent without any intimation to the Commission. He is advised to be present on next date of hearing to explain his version, failing which the case will be decided ex-parte.
4. The case will come up for hearing on **10.08.2022 at 11.00 A.M. through Cisco webex.** Announced in the court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties  
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**Date: 20.4.2022**

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

**Note:** After the hearing was over, Sh. Parmjeet (Steno, M:9464449898) submitted MOA-Punjab Government, Punjab Bus Rapid Transit System, Project along with copy of decision passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in CIVIL Appeal No. 9017 of 2013, which is on record.

**Date: 20.4.2022**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
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**Punjab**



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**Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg, (9814230616)**

s/o Sh. Harbans Lal,  
R/O Romana Street,  
JAITO, Distt. Faridkot

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Sangat Mandi

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Regional Deputy Director, Urban  
Local Bodies, Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 2770 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Appellant- Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg  
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gurjit Singh, Clerk

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 8.3.2022 vide which respondent PIO was absent and appellant pointed out that information in connection with point no.2 is pending and in connection with point no. 7 is unattested. The case was adjourned for further hearing to 20.4.2022.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that information with regard to point No.2 has not been received. The information with regard to point No.7, has been without any attestation.
4. After hearing from the appellant the court directs the respondent to supply the attested information immediately without fail, failing which suitable action shall be taken against the respondent PIO.
5. Appellant is advised to go through the information and point out deficiency, if any, once he had received from the respondent PIO.
6. The case will come up for hearing on **17.08.2022 at 11.00 A.M. through Cisco webex.** Announced in the court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties  
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**Date: 20.4.2022**

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**Sh. Gursewak Singh (7589218263)**  
s/o Sh. Baljit Singh  
Vill. Talwandi Saboo,  
Distt. Bathinda.

Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o E.O., Nagar Panchayat  
Talwandi Saboo, Distt. Bathinda

Respondent

**Complaint Case No.: 570 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** (i) Appellant- Sh. Gursewak Singh  
(ii) Nobody on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous orders dated 27.10.2021 vide which respondent PIO was absent and he was directed to supply the point-wise reply/information to the complainant within ten days after receipt of order. He was also directed to appear in person today as matter was adjourned for further hearing to 20.4.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the complainant states that inspite of last order dated 27.10.2021 he has not received any information.
3. Respondent is absent 2<sup>nd</sup> time despite being aware about the date of hearing, which shows his irresponsible behavior towards his public authority.
4. The absence of the PIO is viewed seriously and it has also affected hearing and disposal of the case. In pursuance of this, the PIO is directed to file a written submission in response to the Notice of the Commission and should present this case personally at Punjab State Information Commission office, Chandigarh on the next date of hearing along with directions to supply the requisite information to the complainant immediately within seven days after receipt of this order, failing which stern action will be initiated against him.
5. The complainant is on liberty either to attend hearing through CISCO WEBEX (Meeting No. 1582933632) or in person at PSIC Office, Chandigarh.
6. The case will come up for hearing on **04.08.2022 at 11.00 A.M.** Announced in the court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Date: 20.4.2022**

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**Sh. Sanjeev Goyal**  
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,  
Kothi No. 148, Model Town,  
Phase-I, Near TV Tower,  
Bathinda-151001

Versus

Appellant

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Bathinda

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o State Transport Commissioner,  
Punjab, Chandigarh

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o SSP, Bathinda

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Civil Surgeon,  
Bathinda

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 158 of 2021**  
**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent:

Ms. Kulwinder Kaur (PIO, O/o STC, Punjab, Chandigarh) through CISCO Webex.

Ms. Meenakshi, PIO, RTA, Bhatinda

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 27.10.2021. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 20.4.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, both the respondents; Ms. Kulwinder Kaur states that the information with regard to point No.1 has already been sent registered post.
3. The appellant states that information sent contains 54 pages only whereas it has 250 pages. He also states that the information supplied is not duly attested by the authority.
4. The information with regard to point No.5 relates to RTA, Bathinda; has been supplied by the RTA, Bathinda, which the appellant denies to receive.
5. After hearing all the parties, the court once again directs both the respondents to supply the complete information in point No.1 and 5 with attestation without wasting further time. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. To come up on **10.08.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.  
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**Dated: 20.4.2022**

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**State Information Commissioner**  
**Punjab**