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Sh. Prem Singh(9872203914)

s/o Sh. Mehaar Singh,
Asstt. Transport Officer(Retd),
H.No.914, Phase-7,
Mohali.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy. Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2130 of 2019

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Prem Singh

Respondent: Sh. Rakesh Joshi, PIO.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg and matter was fixed for further hearing on 18.11.2022. The instant appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide Office Order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner on 05.08.2022. Accordingly, matter is fixed for 20.10.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. Respondent, Sh. Rakesh Joshi states that reply/ information had already been supplied to the time and again as per official record. He adds that a reply in this regard along with affidavit in original had already been sent to the Commission vide letter no. 3107 dated 14.10.2022 (received in the Commission vide diary no. 23699 dated 17.10.2022). He further mentions that if appellant had anything in this regard, he could supply so that information could be supplied to the appellant.
4. Appellant states that nothing has been received by him as per previous order of the Commission dated 05.07.2022. He expresses his dissatisfaction on the supplied reply.
5. After having detailed discussion with both the parties, it is observed that sufficient reply had already been supplied to the appellant and affidavit in original (from Sh. Karanbir Singh Cheena) from the case file is handed over to the appellant during the hearing (a copy of the same is taken on record in the case file). It is also observed that appellant had not pointed out discrepancy in the supplied information even after the ample time has elapsed.
6. Appellant is not satisfied with the supplied reply and affidavit, respondent PIO is again advised to go through the official record once again and intimate the status on the next date of hearing positively.
7. 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.
8. To come up on **24.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
(Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

Dated: 20.10.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
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Mohali.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy. Regional Transport Authority,

Patiala

First Appellate Authority

O/o Transport Commissioner, Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2129 of 2019

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Prem Singh at PSIC office
Respondent: Sh. Harjit Singh, Clerk

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg and matter was fixed for further hearing on 18.11.2022. The instant appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide Office Order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner on 05.08.2022. Accordingly, matter is fixed for 20.10.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present. Respondent states that affidavit dated 06.10.2021 was sent to the appellant. The respondent states that information sought for is very old in nature so the record is not available.
3. The appellant pleads the court that suitable directions be given to the respondent so that proper information sought be provided to him since sufficient time has gone in vain. The appellant states that installment of DA arrears benefit which was not given to him is involved.
4. After discussing with both the parties in detail, the Commission taking serious note of the situation asks the respondent whether they had lodged any FIR regarding missing record/ mentioned reasons for not tracing out the file/for weeding out the record.
5. Respondent requests time for 3 weeks, which is awarded to him with a final warning, either to supply the record if found after tracing or supply copy of FIR with regard to the missing record or file an affidavit in original within three weeks as requested by the respondent, to the appellant with a copy to the Commission, failing which stern action will be initiated against the concerned respondent PIO.
6. To come up on **24.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Mohali.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy. Regional Transport Authority, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Transport Commissioner, Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2131 of 2019

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Prem Singh at PSIC office.
Respondent: Ms Manreet Kaur(9870401980)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg and matter was fixed for further hearing on 18.11.2022. The instant appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide Office Order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner on 05.08.2022. Accordingly, matter is fixed for 20.10.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that suitable directions be given to the respondent so that he may get the information as the matter is so old which may be got resolved.
4. After discussing with both the parties, it is observed that appellant has not pointed out any deficiencies consequent upon receiving reply from the respondent department. As per respondent's version during the hearing, matter relates with the cash book, period of which is 1992-93, record of cash book is not maintained beyond 10 years since this information relates to the year 1992-93.

Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to supply an affidavit in original to the appellant point-wise as per RTI application with a copy to the Commission within fifteen days from today.

5. To come up on **24.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Asstt. Transport Officer(Retd),
H.No.914, Phase-7,
Mohali

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Dy. State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 184 of 2020
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Prem Singh at PSIC Office.

Respondent: Ms Manreet Kaur (Clerk, O/o RTA, Jalandhar, M: 9870401980) through CISCO WEBEX and Sh. Sher Singh (APIO) at PSIC Office.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 05.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg and matter was fixed for further hearing on 18.11.2022. The instant appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide Office Order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner on 05.08.2022. Accordingly, matter is fixed for 20.10.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that suitable directions be given to the respondent so that he may get the information as the matter is so old which may be got resolved.
4. After discussing with both the parties, it is observed that appellant has not pointed out any deficiencies consequent upon receiving reply from the respondent department. As per respondent's version during the hearing, matter relates with the cash book, period of which is 1992-93, record of cash book is not maintained beyond 10 years since this information relates to the year 1992-93.

Accordingly, respondent PIO is directed to supply an affidavit in original to the appellant point-wise as per RTI application with a copy to the Commission within fifteen days from today. A copy of this order be sent to him

5. Respondent PIO, O/o STC, Punjab, Chandigarh is exempted from further hearings till further order.
6. To come up on **24.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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CC:

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer (By Name)**
O/o RTA, Jalandhar

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Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan(8509580002)

H.No.78/8, Park Road,
Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Dhuri,
Distt. Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Dy. Director, Local Govt. Patiala

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4360 of 2021

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 20.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg and matter was fixed for further hearing on 14.10.2022. The instant appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide Office Order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner on 05.08.2022. Accordingly, matter is fixed for 20.10.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and states that he has pointed out discrepancies in the supplied information but still to be removed by the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post notice issued to him by the Commission, which shows his casual approach towards the orders/notices issued to him time and again. He is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing along with related record in connection with RTI application, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.
4. Appellant is also advised to appear in person on the next date of hearing, failing which case will be decided in his absence.
5. To come up on **31.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 20.10.2022

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Punjab

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Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan(8509580002)

H.No.78/8, Park Road, Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Tehsildar, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/o SDM, Sangrur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3716 of 2021

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 26.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg and matter was fixed for further hearing on 02.12.2022. The instant appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide Office Order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner on 05.08.2022. Accordingly, matter is fixed for 20.10.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and states that he has pointed out discrepancies in the supplied information but still to be removed by the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post notice issued to him by the Commission, which shows his casual approach towards the orders/notices issued to him time and again. He is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing along with related record in connection with RTI application, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.
4. Appellant is also advised to appear in person on the next date of hearing, failing which case will be decided in his absence.
5. To come up on **31.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 20.10.2022

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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Prem Kumar Rattan(8509580002)** Appellant
H.No.78/8, Park Road,
Navi Mandi,
Dhuri, Distt. Sangrur

Versus

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer**
O/o Tehsildar, Tapa,
Distt. Barnala

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority** Respondent
O/o D.C., Barnala

Appeal Case No.: 971 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: None for the parties.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 06.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg and matter was fixed for further hearing on 09.11.2022. The instant appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide Office Order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner on 05.08.2022. Accordingly, matter is fixed for 20.10.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant is present and states that he has pointed out discrepancy in the supplied information which has to be removed.
3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post notice issued to him by the Commission, which shows his casual approach towards the orders/notices issued to him time and again.
4. After hearing the appellant and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing along with related record in connection with RTI application, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.

It is observed that notice of hearing which was issued to the First Appellate Authority to the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bathinda instead of the Deputy Commissioner, Barnala. A copy of this order be sent to the FAA, O/o the Deputy Commissioner, Barnala for his ready reference.

5. Appellant is also advised to appear in person on the next date of hearing, failing which case will be decided in his absence.
6. To come up on **31.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties through **registered post**.

Dated: 20.10.2022

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Punjab

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Appellant

Sh. Rohit Kumar 9417088085)

S/o Sh. Rameshwar Dass,
H.No.213, W.No.12,
Dashmesh Nagar, Cinema Road
Sunam 148028.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o D.C., Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/o D.C., Sangrur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1057 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Rohit Kumar
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg vide which last opportunity was awarded to the respondent PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information through registered post to the appellant with a copy to the Commission. The matter was fixed for further hearing on 14.11.2022. The instant appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide Office Order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner on 05.08.2022. Accordingly, matter is fixed for 20.10.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and states that information as per RTI application is still pending to be supplied even after the directions of the Commission vide order dated 11.07.2022 even after the ample time has elapsed. He adds that he had filed a grievance at the portal of Punjab Govt. on 19.4.2020 and reminders from time to time relating to illegal construction raising on property number B04282 and B04282/1 during lock down/curfew. The video recording done in the case has been demanded vide his RTI application. He further states that nothing has been given to him till date.
3. 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 Order and Notice of the Commission and should present this case personally (through cisco webex), on the next date of hearing, failing which penal consequences shall follow.
4. A copy of this order be also sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur by name through **registered post** for the compliance of this order.
5. To come up on **21.12.2022 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: 20.10.2022

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Copy to:

The Deputy Commissioner (By Name)
Sangrur

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Appellant

Sh. Jasbeer Singh(7827353117)

S/o Sh. Bant Singh
New House, W.No.5,
Near Baba Shiv Chand Di Samaad,
VPO Lehragaga,
Distt. Sangrur

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o D.C., Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/o D.C., Sangrur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1072 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Jasbeer Singh.

Respondent: Sh. Jagpreet Singh, Asstt. Labour Commissioner, PIO (9815515255)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 11.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg vide which respondent PIO was directed to supply the requisite information except addresses of the workers as it is a third party, failing which action would be initiated against him under provisions of the RTI Act. The matter was fixed for further hearing on 14.11.2022. The instant appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide Office Order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner on 05.08.2022. Accordingly, matter is fixed for 20.10.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. Appellant states that information is still pending from the respondent PIO even after the directions of the Commission vide order dated 11.07.2022.
4. The respondent states that he recently been transferred to the present place of posting. He further states that the sought for information has already been dispatched on 22.10.2022 while complying orders of the Hon'ble Commission dated 11.7.2022. He further adds that there were about 55914 labourers for which information cannot be given being 3rd party.
5. After having detailed discussion with both the parties and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to comply with the previous order of the Commission dated 11.07.2022 within seven days or supply an affidavit in original within 15 days to the appellant and copy of the same to the Commission.
6. 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.
7. To come up on **24.11.2022 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: 20.10.2022

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

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,
Amritsar

First Appellate Authority
O/o State Tpt. Commissioner, Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1939 of 2019
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Ravinder Kataria
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.03.2022 passed by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg and matter was fixed for further hearing on 13.07.2022, which was postponed and further fixed for 13.10.2022. The instant appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide Office Order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner on 05.08.2022. Accordingly, matter is fixed for 20.10.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present in person. Nobody appears on behalf of the respondent department inspite of registered notice, which is a sheer wastage of precious time and resources of the Commission.
3. The appellant states he has received an email from the department which is locked, so could not intimate the Commission regarding receiving of the information.
4. After having detailed discussion with the appellant and examining the case file, it is observed that **penalty amounting Rs.10,000/-** was imposed on the concerned respondent **PIO, O/o Secretary, RTA, Amritsar vide order dated 22.03.2022** passed by the Hon'ble SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg and nothing is received from the respondent with regard for depositing the penal amount. He is directed to **appear in person on the next date of hearing at Punjab State Information Commission along with relevant record in connection with RTI application.**
5. Appellant is advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively.
6. To come up on **24.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission.** Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 20.10.2022

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Appellant

Sh. Nidhan Singh(9463327988)

s/o Late Sh. Das Singh,
Vill. Tadarwal,
Police Station Bhadson,
Tehsil Nabha, Distt. Patiala 147201

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o DC, Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, Patiala Division,
Patiala

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2441 of 2021

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Nidhan Singh

Respondent: Sh. Amit Garg, SA (9915458644)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 25.07.2022 passed by the Bench of Ld. SIC, Sh. Sanjiv Garg and matter was fixed for further hearing on 11.10.2022. The instant appeal case was allocated to the undersigned Bench vide Office Order passed by the Hon'ble Chief Information Commissioner on 05.08.2022. Accordingly, matter is fixed for 20.10.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that he has received complete information in connection with point no. 3 and 4 is received but incomplete information is received in connection with point No.1&2 and nothing is received with regard to point no. 5 and 6 of his RTI application.
4. The respondent states that as per RTI application 6 points were asked for but information with regard to three points have already been given.
5. After having detailed discussion with both the parties and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to comply with previous orders of the Commission dated 25.7.2022 and give detailed reply with regard to pending information within 15 days from today, without further delay.
6. To come up on **25.01.2023 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. Lajpat Rai (9814230616)
s/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
H.No.B-3/287, Romana Street,
Jaito, Distt. Faridkot

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o ADGP (Crime), Pb., Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority
O/o ADGP (Crime), Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 318 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Lajpat Rai at PSIC Office.
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 24.8.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that nothing has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO even after the directions of the Hon'ble Commission time and again.
3. Neither the respondent PIO is present nor did he file reply in this regard, which shows his casual attitude towards the notices/orders issued to him by the Commission, which is indeed a serious matter.
4. After having a detailed discussion with the appellant and examining the documents placed on record, it is observed that **on first hearing held on 10.03.2021**, respondent, Sh. Ram Parshad stated that matter is under investigation and both the parties were given another opportunity to represent this case on the next date of hearing and matter was adjourned to 12.05.2021.
5. **On hearing held on 12.05.2021**, respondent, Sh. Ram Parshad was directed either to supply the complete information or file an affidavit as per queries raised by the appellant in his RTI application by the next date of hearing. Both the parties were advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing to clear the facts of this case, failing to which case will be decided on merit basis. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 20.07.2021.

Appeal Case No. 318 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO Webex

6. **On hearing held on 20.07.2021** appellant, Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg stated that nothing has been supplied by the respondent PIO after the previous hearing held on 12.05.2021.

Respondent, Sh. Ram Parshad stated that he has brought the affidavit in connection with point no. 1 of the RTI application. He added that date is not mentioned in the point no. 2,3,4,5 and 6 of the RTI application.

After going through the affidavit brought by the respondent and examining the case file, brought affidavit was returned to the respondent, Sh. Ram Parshad during the hearing.

The Commission directed the PIO to file a fresh affidavit as per queries raised by the appellant in his RTI application within two days.

Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively, failing to which case will be decided on merits. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 05.08.2021.

7. **On hearing held on 05.08.2021**, respondent, Sh. Naresh Kumar requested for an adjournment in this case, which was granted; one more opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to comply with the previous orders of the Commission dated 20.07.2021 by the next date of hearing positively. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 15.10.2021, which was preponed due to a Gazetted Holiday on account of 'Dussehra' and fixed for 14.10.2021.
8. **On hearing held on 14.10.2021**, respondent, Sh. Ram Parshad stated that demanded information was received from the concerned office and had already been sent to the appellant on 08.10.2021. Appellant was advised to point out deficiency, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission, within ten days. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 27.04.2022.
9. **On hearing held on 27.04.2022**, matter was not heard due to technical issue/problem and adjourned to 06.07.2022, which was postponed to 24.08.2022.

Appeal Case No. 318 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO Webex

10. **On hearing held on 24.08.2022**, respondent, Sh. Bhoora Ali stated that information will be supplied to the appellant soon. It is ascertained that a show-cause notice was issued to the Respondent-PIO on the previous date of hearing. Further, he was also directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing, ie. today. However, today neither the PIO is present nor has he filed his reply to the show-cause notice.

Appellant filed RTI application on 07.08.2020 but after the ample time has elapsed; neither information nor affidavit as per the directions of the Commission is supplied to him, which means respondent PIO making mockery of the RTI Act, 2005.

11. In view of the defying attitude of the respondent-PIO neither attending the court nor submitting any explanation for the delay in supplying the information within the time schedule as prescribed under the RTI Act 2005, the court comes to a logical conclusion that it is a fit case for the imposition of penalty amounting to Rs. 25000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) on the PIO. Therefore, taking a lenient view, **I impose a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rs. Ten Five thousands only)**. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the office of The DGP (Crime), Punjab, Chandigarh is directed to deduct the amount of penalty of Rs. 5,000/- from the salary of concerned respondent PIO and be deposited in the State Treasury in the following Head of Account and to report its compliance to the Commission:-

"0070-Other Administrative Services

60 other Services

800-Other Receipts

86-Fee under the RTI Act, 2005"

12. Further, the respondent PIO, is again directed to be present personally on the next date of hearing and file his complete point-wise specific reply, pertaining to the RTI of the Appellant, failing which the Commission shall consider an enhancement in the amount of penalty.
13. To come up on **07.12.2022 at 11:00 AM in the Commission office**. Copy of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 20.10.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Note: After the hearing was over, Ms. Gurpreet Kaur appeared at 01:00 PM and she was apprised with the proceedings of today's hearing.

Dated: 20.10.2022

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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal(9814197689)

s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
148, Model Town,
Phase-I, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Show Cause

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer (By Name)**
O/o SHO Police Station, Maur Mandi,
Distt. Bathinda

(Regd. Post) **First Appellate Authority**
O/o IGP, Bathinda Range,
Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4957 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Sanjeev Goyal
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.8.2022.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present but nobody is present on behalf of the respondent department, in spite of registered post notice/order issued to respondent PIO and FAA, which is indeed a serious matter, which also affects the disposal of the case.
3. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o SHO, Police Station, Thana Maur, Distt. Bathinda 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.
4. 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. 4957 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO Webex

5. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the complete information to the appellant within 7 days from the receipt of this order. He is also directed to appear in person on **08.02.2023 at Commission's office.**
6. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority for the compliance of this order without further delay.
7. Appellant is on liberty either to join meeting through CISCO WEBEX (Meeting No. 1582933632) or at Commission's office.
8. Announced in the court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 20.10.2022

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S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
148, Model Town,
Phase-I, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) Public Information Officer (By Name)
O/o SHO Police Station, Thermal,
Bathinda

Encl. Copy of an email dated 11.10.2022.

First Appellate Authority

O/o IGP, Bathinda Range,
Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4950 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Sanjeev Goyal
Respondent: Sh. Resham Singh, ASI

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.08.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Resham Singh states that information was supplied to the appellant via registered post dated 03.10.2022 and a reply along with copy of postal receipt in this regard has also been sent to the Commission via letter no. 2171 dated 12.10.2022, which is received vide diary no. 23477 dated 14.10.2022 and taken on record.
3. Appellant states that incomplete information is supplied by the respondent PIO. He adds that he has sent an email dated 11.10.2022 in this regard, which is received and taken on record.
4. After hearing both the parties, respondent PIO is directed to remove the discrepancy (pointed out via an email dated 11.10.2022) as per RTI application within ten days after receipt of this order. A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post along with copy of an email dated 11.10.2022 of the appellant for his ready reference.
5. 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 **08.02.2023** at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632.

Dated: 20.10.2022

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Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg (9814230616)

s/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
H.No.B-3/287, 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
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

Appellant: Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg

Respondent: Sh. Gurjeet Singh, Clerk (9463306449)

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.08.2022.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present and heard. Appellant intimates that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is directed to go through the RTI application once again and supply point-wise reply/information to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order.
4. Appellant is advised to point out discrepancy, if any, within seven days after receipt of the information, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
5. 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 **08.02.2023 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. Sanjeev Goyal(9814197689)

s/o Sh. Ashok Kumar,
148, Model Town,
Phase-I, Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o SHO Police Station, Sadar, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o IGP, Bathinda Range, Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No. 4951 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Sanjeev Goyal
Respondent: absent.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.08.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant is present but respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post order issued to him by the Commission. It is observed that a reply dated 09.09.2022 is received from the respondent vide diary no. 21693 dated 21.09.2022, which is taken on record.
3. Respondent PIO is directed to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively.
4. To come up on **08.02.2023** at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Sh. Bhupinder Punj(9915235055)
s/o Sh. Braham Parkash,
186, VPO Lohara,
Ludhiana

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o RTA, Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority
O/o RTA, Hoshiarpur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.:1421 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: Appellant: Sh. Bhupinder Punj.
Respondent: Absent

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 17.08.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that no inspection taken place as he contacted the PIO, Sh. Surinder Bhandari but no response.
3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post order issued to him by the Commission. Respondent PIO, Sh. Surinder Bhandari is directed either to call the appellant for inspection and be present on the fixed date and time or supply the point wise reply/information to the appellant within ten days after receipt of this order, under intimation to the Commission.
4. 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.
5. To come up on **08.02.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
(Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

Dated: 20.10.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab