

**Ajay Kumar Joshi**

S/o Sh. Prem Dutt Joshi,  
Village - Kalanaur,  
Teh. & Distt. – Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The District Food and  
Civil Supplies Controller,  
Gurdaspur(Punjab)

.....Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 448 of 2018**

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

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 01.07.2019 and the respondent PIO concerned was directed to send the requisite information to the complainant through registered post/in person at his residential address and produce a copy of the postal/acknowledgement receipt in the Commission. Another opportunity was also given to the complainant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He was also advised 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 and also to represent his case in person or through his representative.

Neither the complainant, Sh. Ajay Kumar Joshi nor the respondent is present in today's hearing. They have also not sent any intimation regarding their non-availability.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that on the hearing, held on 01.07.2019, Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Inspector, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO and had brought the required information in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the complainant during the hearing. He also submitted a reply vide letter no. 1712 dated 26.06.2019 signed by District Food and Civil Supplies Controller, Gurdaspur. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is placed in the case-file.

The complainant was absent on the last date of hearing, held on 01.07.2019 and 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 has received the required information and is satisfied with the information supplied to him and does not wish to pursue his case further and hence the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

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

**Jagtar Singh**

S/o Sh. Dalip Singh,  
Ward No 1, Street No 2,  
Bagha Patti, Moga (Punjab)

....Complainant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

**O/o** The Director,  
State Transport, Punjab,  
Sector 17, Chandigarh

...Respondent

**Complaint Case No. 683 of 2018**

Present : Sh. Jagtar Singh, the complainant, in person.  
i) Sh. Sukhmandir Singh, Senior Assistant ;  
ii) Ms. Rajni Dhiman, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 01.07.2019 and the complainant orally stated that incomplete has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO as through RTI request, he has demanded information for the period from 01.01.2001 to year 10.04.2018 and the respondent PIO has given him information from year 2008 onwards, moreover, whatever information has been given to him is not of all the depots as asked for in the RTI application, he requires. Sh. Sukhmandir Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO orally stated that the remaining information, as per queries raised through RTI request, would be supplied to the appellant positively. Accordingly, the case was adjourned for today for hearing.

Sh. Sukhmandir Singh and Ms. Rajni Dhiman, both Senior Assistants, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally state that they have brought the relevant official record in the Commission so that the same could be inspected by the complainant, Sh. Jagtar Singh during the hearing.

The complainant, Sh. Jagtar Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he is unable to go through the relevant record during the hearing as he is heart patient and not feeling well presently.

The respondent PIO is directed to facilitate the complainant to inspect the relevant official record today itself i. e. 21.08.2019 at 02:00 P. M. so that the complainant could identify the required information. The complainant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record today itself i. e. 21.08.2019 at 02:00 P. M. to identify the information.

The time of inspection of relevant official record has been announced to both the parties in the open court and both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today .

Sh. Sukhmandir Singh, Senior Assistant, would remain present during the inspection of the relevant official record.

The respondent-PIO is directed to supply the required information, which would be identified by the complainant, after inspection, to him as per official record positively.

The case is **adjourned to 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

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

**Hardip Singh S/o Sh. Jagir Singh**  
C/o Sh. Munish Gupta,  
H.No.184, Sector - 44, Chandigarh

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The General Manager  
Punjab Roadways Depot,  
Amritsar-1 (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The General Manager  
Punjab Roadways Depot,  
Amritsar-1 (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 26 of 2019**

Present : Sh. Nihal Singh, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.  
i) Sh. Subash Chander, General Manager, in person ;  
ii) Sh. Vikas Sharma, Assistant Legal Officer, for the respondent.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 01.07.2019 and last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO to supply the certified copies of complete information to the appellant or file a reply in an affidavit stating that whatever information is available in the official record, has been supplied to the appellant and no other information apart from the information supplied, is available in the official record or has been misplaced. The respondent PIO, who is General Manager, Punjab Roadways Depot, Amritsar - 1, was also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case.

Sh. Nihal Singh, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Hardip Singh, in today's hearing.

Sh. Subash Chander, General Manager, who appeared in person in today's hearing, with Sh. Vikas Sharma, Assistant Legal Officer, submits a reply in an affidavit vide letter dated 16.08.2019 signed by himself, stating that available information at point no. 'b', 'c', 'd' and 'e' of the RTI request regarding order no. 804-08 dated 15.07.1983 ; order no. 8584-86 dated 02.11.1987 ; order no. 8057-61 dated 04.08.1988 and order no. 6056-59 dated 29.11.1991, has been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Hardip Singh and remaining information at point no. 'a' of the RTI request regarding order no. 1425-28 dated 09.05.1980 could not be traced in the official record as it is very old almost 35 to 40 years, hence could not be supplied to the appellant. It is taken on record.

The original affidavit dated 16.08.2019 is handed over to Sh. Nihal Singh, Advocate (representative of the appellant, Sh. Hardip Singh) during the hearing in the Commission today. A copy of the same is taken on record.

After receiving the reply submitted by the respondent, Sh. Nihal Singh, Advocate (the representative of the appellant) through a letter dated 21.08.2019, has acknowledged that he has received the required document and will have no objection if the case is closed today itself. It is taken on record.

Sh. Subash Chander, General Manager, also made an oral submission during the hearing today to explain the fact that lot of efforts have been put to supply the required information to the appellant and there is no malafide on his part in causing the delay in supplying the requisite information to the information seeker.

After going through the case-file and the oral submission made by Sh. Subash Chander, General Manager during the hearing, it emerges that delay caused by the respondent in the instant appeal case in supplying the information to the appellant was not due to malafide intention and hence show cause issued vide orders dated 06.05.2019, to him is **dropped.**

As no cause of action is required to be taken in this case, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

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

**Kashmir Singh S/o Kundan Singh**

C/o Sh. Munish Gupta,  
H.No.184, Sector-44, Chandigarh

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The General Manager  
Punjab Roadways Depot,  
Amritsar-1 (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The General Manager  
Punjab Roadways Depot,  
Amritsar-1 (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 28 of 2019**

Present : Sh. Nihal Singh, Advocate, on behalf of the appellant.

- i) Sh. Subash Chander, General Manager, in person ;
- ii) Sh. Vikas Sharma, Assistant Legal Officer, for the respondent.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 01.07.2019 and last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO to supply the certified copies of complete information to the appellant or file a reply in an affidavit stating that whatever information is available in the official record, has been supplied to the appellant and no other information apart from the information supplied, is available in the official record or is it has been misplaced. The respondent PIO, who is General Manager, Punjab Roadways Depot, Amritsar - 1, was also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case.

Sh. Nihal Singh, Advocate, appeared on behalf of the appellant, Sh. Kashmir Singh, in today's hearing.

Sh. Subash Chander, General Manager, who appeared in person in today's hearing, with Sh. Vikas Sharma, Assistant Legal Officer, submits a reply in an affidavit vide letter dated 21.08.2019 signed by himself, stating that only information regarding copy of order no. 5275-77 dated 20.07.1981 has been traced, order dated 10.07.1977 is not entered in the Service-Book and also not found in employees personal records and information regarding copy of order no. 6691/94 dated 10.11.1983, order no. 77396 dated 26.12.1983, order no. 1693/94 dated 30.03.1984 and order no. 212/13 dated 16.01.1985 is not found traceable as it is almost 35 to 40 years old, hence could not be supplied to the appellant. It is taken on record.

The original affidavit dated 21.08.2019 is handed over to Sh. Nihal Singh, Advocate (representative of the appellant, Sh. Kashmir Singh) during the hearing in the Commission today. A copy of the same is taken on record.

After receiving the reply submitted by the respondent, Sh. Nihal Singh, Advocate (the representative of the appellant) through a letter dated 21.08.2019, has acknowledged that he has received the required document and will have no objection if the case is closed today itself. It is taken on record.

Sh. Subash Chander, General Manager, also made an oral submission during the hearing today to explain the fact that lot of efforts have been put to supply the required information to the appellant and there is no malafide on his part in causing the delay in supplying the requisite information to the information seeker.

After going through the case-file and the oral submission made by Sh. Subash Chander, General Manager during the hearing, it emerges that delay caused by the respondent in the instant appeal case in supplying the information to the appellant was not due to malafide intention and hence show cause issued vide orders dated 06.05.2019, to him is **dropped.**

As no cause of action is required to be taken in this case, the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

**(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

**(Regd. Post)** **Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Amloh Road,  
Khanna(Punjab)

**First Appellant Authority,**  
**O/o** The Regional Deputy Director,  
Urban Local Government, 1st Floor,  
Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,  
Ludhiana(Punjab)

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 684 of 2019**

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 01.07.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post/in person at his residential address within three days from that day and produce a copy of the postal/acknowledgement receipt in the Commission. Another opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He was also advised 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 and to represent his case in person or through his representative on the fixed date of hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1644 dated 21.08.2019 signed by Assistant Public Information Officer office of Nagar Council, Khanna, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia has not pointed out any deficiency, in the information supplied to him as ordered on 01.07.2019. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far as ordered vide orders dated 01.07.2019.



Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per his queries raised by him through his RTI request though registered post within three weeks from today and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing. failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

If in compliance to the order dated 01.07.2019, the required information has already been sent to the appellant, then the respondent-PIO concerned is directed to produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing.

The respondent-PIO is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Another 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 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 by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August,2019**

**(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

**(Regd. Post)** **Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Amloh Road,  
Khanna(Punjab)

**First Appellant Authority,**  
**O/o** The Regional Deputy Director,  
Urban Local Government, 1st Floor,  
Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,  
Ludhiana(Punjab)

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 763 of 2019**

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 01.07.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post/in person at his residential address within three days from that day and produce a copy of the postal/acknowledgement receipt in the Commission. Another opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He was also advised 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 and to represent his case in person or through his representative on the fixed date of hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1644 dated 21.08.2019 signed by Assistant Public Information Officer office of Nagar Council, Khanna, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia has not pointed out any deficiency, in the information supplied to him as ordered on 01.07.2019. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far as ordered vide orders dated 01.07.2019.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per his queries raised by him through his RTI request though registered post within three weeks from today and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing. failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

If in compliance to the order dated 01.07.2019, the required information has already been sent to the appellant, then the respondent-PIO concerned is directed to produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing.

The respondent-PIO is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Another 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 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 by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

**(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

**(Regd. Post)** **Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Amloh Road,  
Khanna(Punjab)

**First Appellant Authority,**  
**O/o** The Regional Deputy Director,  
Urban Local Government, 1st Floor,  
Mini Secretariat, Ferozepur Road,  
Ludhiana(Punjab)

.....Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 764 of 2019**

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 01.07.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post/in person at his residential address within three days from that day and produce a copy of the postal/acknowledgement receipt in the Commission. Another opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He was also advised 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 and to represent his case in person or through his representative on the fixed date of hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1644 dated 21.08.2019 signed by Assistant Public Information Officer office of Nagar Council, Khanna, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia has not pointed out any deficiency, in the information supplied to him as ordered on 01.07.2019. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far as ordered vide orders dated 01.07.2019.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per his queries raised by him through his RTI request through registered post within three weeks from today and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing. failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

If in compliance to the order dated 01.07.2019, the required information has already been sent to the appellant, then the respondent-PIO concerned is directed to produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing.

The respondent-PIO is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Another 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 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 by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

**(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

**(Regd. Post)** **Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The Executive Officer,  
Nagar Council, Amloh Road,  
Khanna(Punjab)

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

.....Respondents

### **Appeal Case No. 683 of 2019**

Present : Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, the appellant in person.  
None on behalf of the respondent.

#### **ORDER**

This case was last heard on 01.07.2019 and the respondent PIO was directed to send the requisite information to the appellant through registered post/in person at his residential address within three days from that day and produce a copy of the postal/acknowledgement receipt in the Commission. Another opportunity was given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information or not. He was also advised 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 and to represent his case in person or through his representative on the fixed date of hearing.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1644 dated 21.08.2019 signed by Assistant Public Information Officer office of Nagar Council, Khanna, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia has not pointed out any deficiency, in the information supplied to him as ordered on 01.07.2019. It is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that no information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far as ordered vide orders dated 01.07.2019.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per his queries raised by him through his RTI request though registered post within three weeks from today and produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing. failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act.

If in compliance to the order dated 01.07.2019, the required information has already been sent to the appellant, then the respondent-PIO concerned is directed to produce a copy of the postal receipt in the Commission on the next date of hearing.

The respondent-PIO is also directed to appear in person before the Commission to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, failing which action would be initiated against him under the provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

Another 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 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 by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

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

**Ms. Sharuti, Advocate,**  
H. No. 82, Labour Colony,  
Backside Scooter Market, Gill Road,  
Ludhiana-141003 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

**First Appellant Authority,**  
O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana (Punjab)

... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 615 of 2019**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
i) Sh. Navrang Singh, Fireman ;  
ii) Sh. Gurjit Singh, Junior Draftsman, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 26.06.2019 and an opportunity was given to respondent to submit the proof of postal receipt through which the information was supplied. Last opportunity was also given to the Appellant to point out any discrepancies, if any, in the information supplied and send the same to the PIO/Respondent by registered post with a copy to the Commission and to represent her case in person or through her representative on the fixed date of hearing.

Sh. Navrang Singh, Fireman and Sh. Gurjit Singh, Junior Draftsman, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally state that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Ms. Sharuti vide letter no. 95-28 dated 23.04.2019 through registered post. A copy of the same alongwith a copy of postal receipt is placed in the case-file.

The appellant, Ms. Sharuti was absent on the last date of hearings, held on 26.06.2019 and 29.4.2019. She is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. She has neither pointed out any deficiency in the information supplied, 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 has received the required information and is satisfied with the information supplied to her and does not wish to pursue her case further and hence the case is **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

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



**Satnam Singh Dhawan,**  
House No. 7, G.K. Vihar ,  
Manakwal, Ludhiana (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

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

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

... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 761 of 2019**

Present : Sh. Satnam Singh Dhawan , the appellant in person.  
Sh. Ravinder Singh, Clerk, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 02.07.2019 and an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant through registered post and submit a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission. The Appellant was advised to point out any discrepancies in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the respondent PIO by registered post with a copy to the Commission and represent this case in person or through any of his representative on the fixed date of hearing.

Sh. Ravinder Singh, Clerk, appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing.

The appellant, Sh. Satnam Singh Dhawan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that part information has been supplied to him by the respondent- PIO.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 2580 dated 21.06.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, has intimated the Commission that the requisite information at point no. 1 (a) and 2 (a) regarding total number of applications for Learner Driving Licenses are 6243 and total number of applications for Permanent Driving Licenses are 3061 for the period from 26.07.2018 to 09.11.2018 and rest of the information at para no. 1(b) to 1 (i) and 2(b) to 2(i), if got prepared, would disproportionately divert the resources of the Public authority. It is taken on record.

As the information sought for by the appellant is voluminous in nature, hence, the respondent PIO concerned is directed to facilitate the appellant to inspect the relevant official record on 11.09.2019 at 11:00 A. M. so that the appellant could identify the information. The appellant is also advised to avail the opportunity to inspect the relevant official record on 11.09.2019 at 11:00 A. M. to identify the information.

Both the parties mutually agreed to it during the hearing today.

The respondent PIO concerned is directed to supply the givable data of the information, which would be identified by the appellant during the inspection, in electronic manner i. e. pen-drive, by the next date of hearing positively and submit a copy of acknowledgement (signed by the appellant) receipt, on the next date of hearing.

With the abovesaid directions, the case is **adjourned to 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

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

**PUNJAB STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION**

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Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab



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Pathankot (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Pathankot (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Pathankot (Punjab)

... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 843 of 2019**

Present : Sh. Surinder Mahajan, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Munshi Ram, Superintendent, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 02.07.2019 and an opportunity was given to the respondent PIO to supply the requisite information to the Appellant through registered post and submit a copy of the postal receipt to the Commission. The Appellant was advised to point out deficiency, if any, in the information on receipt of information and send the same to the respondent PIO by registered post with a copy to the Commission and represent this case in person or through any of his representative on the fixed date of hearing. A show cause notice was also issued in the name of Public Information Officer office of Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act under provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

Sh. Munshi Ram, Superintendent, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally states that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Surinder Mahajan.

The appellant, Sh. Surinder Mahajan, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that incomplete information has been supplied to him by the respondent PIO so far as in reply to point no. 02 of the RTI request, list of allottees has been given to him but which booth has been allotted to which person has not been mentioned in reply. He further states that he has sent a letter to the respondent PIO and pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied to him. The abovementioned letter has also been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 15138 dated 08.08.2019, which is taken on record.

The respondent PIO is directed to supply the required information to the appellant after removing the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant, by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

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....Appellant

V/s

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

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

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3534 of 2018**

Present : Sh. Jasbir Singh, the appellant in person.  
Sh. Supreet Singh, Data Entry Operator O/o R T A, Ferozepur, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 01.07.2019 and both the PIOs of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur and PIO of office the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Faridkot, were directed to appear in person before the Commission so that the facts of this case could be cleared,

After examining the case-file, it emerges that on the hearing held on, 21.01.2019, as per the reply of PIO Respondent, it is shown that the designation of Sukhwinder Singh has not been mentioned and there are two other employees by the name of Sukhwinder Singh. One Sukhwinder Singh has been transferred to RTA Faridkot and the other Sukhwinder Singh has retired from RTA Ferozepur. From this letter, the information is not clear about which Sukhwinder Singh the information is required. This letter was also supported by a letter of Appellant vide which he had requested to transfer the RTI application to RTA, Faridkot. The perusal of letter dated 18.01.2019, has shown that the RTI application has not been transferred to RTA Faridkot and information is yet to be supplied. Hence, PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot was impleaded as party in this case.

The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has not received information till date from the concerned respondents.

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Sh. Supreet Singh, Data Entry Operator office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur, who appeared in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter no. 946 dated 20.08.2019 signed by PIO-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur, intimating that his duty is on the work of flood control, hence, is not able to appear before the Commission today.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 1733 dated 13.08.2019 signed by Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Faridkot, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 15713 dated 19.08.2019, has intimated the Commission that neither any employee, carrying name of Sukhwinder Singh, was deputed earlier nor presently posted in the office of RTA, Faridkot. It is taken on record.

Nevertheless, last opportunity is given to both the PIOs of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur and PIO of office the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority Faridkot, to appear in person before the Commission so that the facts of this case could be cleared, failing which action would be initiated against under the provisions of the RTI Act. A copy of this order be sent to them through registered post.

A copy of this order also be sent through registered post to both the Secretaries of office of Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur and Regional Transport Authority Faridkot, respectively, to ensure presence of any of official of their (each) offices as a representative to represent this case on the next date of hearing so that facts of this could be cleared.

The case is **adjourned to 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

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

(Regd. Post)                      **The Secretary (By Name),  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Ferozepur (Punjab)**

(Regd. Post)                      **The Secretary (By Name),  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Faridkot (Punjab)**

**Jasbir Singh,**  
Village Bholapur Jhabewal,  
Post Office Ramgarh,  
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...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
(Regd. Post) **O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,**  
Sector 17, Chandigarh -160017

**First Appellant Authority,**  
**O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,**  
Sector 17, Chandigarh -160017

... Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 644 of 2019**

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

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 01.07.2019 and last opportunity was given to the respondent-PIO to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, positively.

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

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.

After examining the documents placed on record, it emerges that the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of eight months.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer of office of State Transport Commissioner, Pb., Chandigarh, 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.

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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.

Last and final opportunity is also given to the respondent PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant through registered post at his residential address before the next date of hearing and produce a copy of the postal receipt, through which information would be sent to the appellant, before the Commission on the next date of hearing.

The appellant is advised to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent 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 so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is adjourned to 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

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

**Ms. Harleen Kaur,**  
H. No.79, Near Kalgidhar Market,  
Ropar -141001(Punjab)

....Appellant

**Versus**

**Public Information Officer,**  
**(Regd. Post)** O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions(Sec.),  
P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68,  
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Director,  
Public Instructions(Sec.),  
P.S.E.B. Complex, Sector 68,  
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) (Punjab)

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2356 of 2018**

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.  
Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, on behalf of the respondent.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 01.07.2019 and last opportunity was given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 28.01.2019 passed by the Commission by paying compensation of Rs. 2000/- to the appellant and a penalty of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only) was also imposed upon Public Information Officer office of Director, Public Instructions(Sec.), Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

Sh. Surendera M. Bhanot, authorized representative of the appellant, Ms. Harleen Kaur, through a letter dated 20.08.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that he is unable to attend today's hearing. Through that letter, he has also intimated that neither the information has been received nor the compensation amount of Rs. 2000/- has been received by the appellant. It is taken on record.

Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Senior Assistant, who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, submits a reply vide letter dated 20.08.2019 signed by Assistant Director office of Public Instructions(Sec.), Punjab (Estab. Branch), showing that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Ms. Harleen Kaur vide letter dated 18.05.2018 (appended to which is a copy of page of dispatch register, showing that letter dated 18.05.2018 was sent on 23.05.2018) and again vide letter dated 15.03.2019 through registered post, appended to which is a copy of postal receipt. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.



After hearing the representative of the respondent and examining the documents placed before the Commission, it emerges that the respondent PIO concerned has sent the requisite information to the appellant, Ms. Harleen Kaur vide letter dated 18.05.2018, which was dispatched on 23.05.2018 but on the last date of hearing, none of any official of the respondent was present to put documents before the Commission, which shows that the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Ms. Harleen Kaur within stipulated time as per provisions of the RTI Act.

After going through oral submission made by representative of the respondent, it is found that facts of the instant appeal case deserve reconsideration in the interest of justice as the documents submitted by the representative of the respondent during the hearing, has established the fact that respondent PIO concerned had sent the requisite information to the appellant, Ms. Harleen Kaur within stipulated time. Accordingly, having made the fair and judicious evaluation of the facts of the instant appeal case and after considering the reply dated 20.08.2019, submitted by the representative of the respondent PIO, grave injustice will be done to the respondent PIO concerned if he/she is held guilty in this case and penalty, which has been imposed upon him/her vide orders dated 01.07.2019, is not waived off.

Accordingly, penalty imposed upon the concerned PIO vide orders dated 01.07.2019 is hereby **waived off**.

After examining the documents placed on record, it also emerges that the respondent PIO concerned has not complied with the orders dated 28.01.2019 passed by the Hon'ble State Information Commissioner, Dr. Pawan Kumar Singla, through which compensation of Rs. 2000/- was awarded to the appellant.

Last opportunity is given to the respondent PIO concerned to comply with the orders dated 28.01.2019 passed by the Commission by paying compensation of Rs. 2000/- to the appellant, before the next date of hearing. The compensation shall be paid by public authority concerned by way of crossed cheque/Demand Draft in the name of Harleen Kaur. The crossed cheque/Demand Draft shall be made from the bank account of public authority concerned and not from the individual official. A copy of this order be sent through registered post to PIO office of D. P. I.(S), Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

The case is **adjourned to 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Date : 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2019**

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