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



Manjit Singh

S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,
House No. 388/3,
Dhandholian Street, Bahera Road,
Patiala(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

Public Information Officer,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2170 of 2019

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

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 25.03.2019. First appeal is dated 29.04.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.06.2019

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

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 28994 dated 09.10.2019 signed by himself, showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh vide letter no. 15375 dated 30.05.2019 through an e-mail. He also hands over a copy of the same to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. It, alongwith a copy of supplied information, is taken on record.

After going through the queries raised by the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh through his RTI request and the response given by the respondent PIO concerned, it is found that the information has been supplied by the respondent PIO to the appellant as per queries raised by him through his RTI request.

Since the information stands supplied in the instant appeal case, hence, the case is announced as **disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

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

Manjit Singh

S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,
House No. 388/3,
Dhandholian Street, Bahera Road,
Patiala(Punjab)

...**Appellant**

V/s

Public Information Officer,

O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector 17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority,

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

... **Respondents**

Appeal Case No. 2171 of 2019

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

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 25.03.2019. First appeal is dated 29.04.2019.
Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.06.2019

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in person in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 28827 dated 04.10.2019 signed by himself, showing that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh vide letter no. 8991 dated 03.04.2019 through an e-mail. He also hands over a copy of the same to the appellant during the hearing in the Commission today. It, alongwith annexure, is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that the information given to him is not as per queries, raised by him through RTI request.

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post or through an e-mail, before the next date of hearing and bring a copy of the information, which would be sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 9th December, 2019 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Manjit Singh

S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,
House No. 388/3,
Dhandholian Street, Bahera Road,
Patiala(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

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

First Appellate Authority,

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2172 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, in person.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 02.03.2019. First appeal is dated 08.04.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.06.2019

Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that the appellant has not attached a copy of his Identity proof with the RTI application in the office of the respondent. He also submits a reply vide letter no. 8186 dated 18.10.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport Officer, Patiala, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has attached a copy of his Identity proof with the RTI application.

After hearing both the parties concerned and examining the documents placed on record, it reflects that the representative of the respondent PIO is unaware of the facts of this case and trying to mislead the Bench. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

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

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

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post, before the next date of hearing and bring a copy of the information, which would be sent to the Appellant. If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will file a written reply in response to the RTI request of the appellant in the shape of an affidavit, on the next date of hearing positively.

The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala is also directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 17th December, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

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

(Regd. Post)

The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala(Punjab)

Manjit Singh

S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,
House No. 388/3,
Dhandholian Street, Bahera Road,
Patiala(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

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

First Appellate Authority,

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2173 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, in person.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 02.03.2019. First appeal is dated 08.04.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.06.2019

Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that the appellant has not attached a copy of his Identity proof with the RTI application in the office of the respondent. He also submits a reply vide letter no. 8188 dated 18.10.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport Officer, Patiala, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has attached a copy of his Identity proof with the RTI application.

After hearing both the parties concerned and examining the documents placed on record, it reflects that the representative of the respondent PIO is unaware of the facts of this case and trying to mislead the Bench. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

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

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

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post, before the next date of hearing and bring a copy of the information, which would be sent to the Appellant. If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will file a written reply in response to the RTI request of the appellant in the shape of an affidavit, on the next date of hearing positively.

The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala is also directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 17th December, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

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

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The Secretary,
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Patiala(Punjab)

Manjit Singh

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Patiala(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

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

First Appellate Authority,

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2174 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, in person.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 02.03.2019. First appeal is dated 08.04.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.06.2019

Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that the appellant has not attached a copy of his Identity proof with the RTI application in the office of the respondent. He also submits a reply vide letter no. 8190 dated 18.10.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport Officer, Patiala, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has attached a copy of his Identity proof with the RTI application.

After hearing both the parties concerned and examining the documents placed on record, it reflects that the representative of the respondent PIO is unaware of the facts of this case and trying to mislead the Bench. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

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

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

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post, before the next date of hearing and bring a copy of the information, which would be sent to the Appellant. If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will file a written reply in response to the RTI request of the appellant in the shape of an affidavit, on the next date of hearing positively.

The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala is also directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 17th December, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

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

(Regd. Post)

The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala(Punjab)

Manjit Singh

S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,
House No. 388/3,
Dhandholian Street, Bahera Road,
Patiala(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

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

First Appellate Authority,

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2175 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, in person.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 02.03.2019. First appeal is dated 08.04.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.06.2019

Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that the appellant has not attached a copy of his Identity proof with the RTI application in the office of the respondent. He also submits a reply vide letter no. 8192 dated 18.10.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport Officer, Patiala, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has attached a copy of his Identity proof with the RTI application.

After hearing both the parties concerned and examining the documents placed on record, it reflects that the representative of the respondent PIO is unaware of the facts of this case and trying to mislead the Bench. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

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

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

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post, before the next date of hearing and bring a copy of the information, which would be sent to the Appellant. If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will file a written reply in response to the RTI request of the appellant in the shape of an affidavit, on the next date of hearing positively.

The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala is also directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 17th December, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

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

(Regd. Post)

The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala(Punjab)

Manjit Singh S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,
House No. 388/3, Dhandholian Street,
Bahera Road, Patiala (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

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

(Encl : RTI Request)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2176 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, in person.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 05.03.2019. First appeal is dated 08.04.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.06.2019

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

Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, who appeared in person to attend hearing of another case, orally states that neither the RTI request of the appellant dated 05.03.2019 nor the notice of hearing issued by the Commission in the instant appeal case has been received in the office of the respondent till date.

An opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post, before the next date of hearing and bring a copy of the information, which would be sent to the Appellant. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post.

The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala is also directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 17th December, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

Encl :

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post)

The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala (Punjab)

Manjit Singh

S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,
House No. 388/3,
Dhandholian Street, Bahera Road,
Patiala(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

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

First Appellate Authority,

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2177 of 2019

Present : Sh. Manjit Singh, the appellant in person.
Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, in person.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 02.03.2019. First appeal is dated 08.04.2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.06.2019

Sh. Sham Lal, Assistant Transport Officer, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that the appellant has not attached a copy of his Identity proof with the RTI application in the office of the respondent. He also submits a reply vide letter no. 8194 dated 18.10.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Assistant Transport Officer, Patiala, which is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Manjit Singh, who appeared in person in today's hearing, orally states that he has attached a copy of his Identity proof with the RTI application.

After hearing both the parties concerned and examining the documents placed on record, it reflects that the representative of the respondent PIO is unaware of the facts of this case and trying to mislead the Bench. The Commission took a serious view of this casual approach, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

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

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

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post, before the next date of hearing and bring a copy of the information, which would be sent to the Appellant. If any information is not available in the official record, he/she (the respondent-PIO concerned) will file a written reply in response to the RTI request of the appellant in the shape of an affidavit, on the next date of hearing positively.

The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala is also directed to remain present in person on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him through registered post.

The case is **adjourned to 17th December, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

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

(Regd. Post)

The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala(Punjab)

Manjit Singh

S/o Sh. Sohan Singh,
House No. 388/3, Dhandholian Street,
Bahera Road, Patiala(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

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

First Appellate Authority,

O/o The Principal Secretary
to Government of Punjab,
Department of Transport, Pb. Mini Secretariat,
Sector -9, Chandigarh(Punjab)

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2178 of 2019

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

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 05.03.2019. First appeal is dated 08.04.2019.
Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 18.06.2019

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

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, moreover, the requisite information has not been supplied by the respondent PIO to the information seeker even after a period of six months.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office of Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Transport, 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.

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

The respondent-PIO concerned is also directed to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post before the next date of hearing and submit a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 17th December, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

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

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

...Appellant

V/s.

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

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2190 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 03.04. 2019. First appeal is dated 04.05. 2019.

Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.06.2019

The appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

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

Another opportunity is given to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post before the next date of hearing and submit a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant 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 well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 17th December, 2019 (Tuesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Rohit Sabharwal,
Kundan Bhawan, 126,
Model Gram,
Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s.

- i) Public Information Officer,
O/o The State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,
Sector-17, Chandigarh
- ii) Public Information Officer,
O/o The Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana(Punjab)
- (Regd. Post)

Encl : RTI Request

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2210 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant in person.
Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, in person.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 20.02.2019. First appeal is dated 25.03.2019.
Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.06.2019.

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, authorised representative for the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabharwal, through a letter dated 19.10.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that till date the sought information has not been provided by the respondent PIO and requested that her personal appearance be exempted for today's hearing. It is taken on record.

Sh. Piara Singh, Assistant Transport Officer-cum-PIO, who appeared in Person in today's hearing, submits a copy of reply vide letter no. 28989 dated 09.10.2019 signed by Public Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, showing that the information sought for by the appellant through RTI request relates with office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana and accordingly the RTI request of the appellant was transferred to the said office under section 6(3) of the RTI Act. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents submitted by the representative of the respondent PIO during the hearing, it emerges that Public Information Officer office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab, Chandigarh has transferred the RTI request of the appellant under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act to PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana vide letter no. 28989 dated 09.10.2019, hence, PIO of office of Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana be impleaded necessary party in this case. A copy of this order be sent to him alongwith RTI request through registered post with the directions to the respondent-PIO concerned to supply the certified copies of the required information to the appellant, as per queries raised by him through his RTI request, through registered post within four weeks from today and submit a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing.

The respondent PIO of office of State Transport Commissioner, Punjab Chandigarh is also directed to remain present in person or represent this case through his representative on the next date of hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant 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 well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent concerned by the next date of hearing.

The case is **adjourned to 9th December, 2019 (Monday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

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

Encl : RTI Request

Rohit Sabharwal,
Kundan Bhawan, 126,
Model Gram, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Zone-A, Ludhiana(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2207 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gaurav Kumar, Junior Draftsman, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 11.03.2019. First appeal is dated 20.04.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.06.2019

Sh. Gaurav Kumar, Junior Draftsman, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabharwal.

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, authorised representative for the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabharwal, through a letter dated 19.10.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the sought information has been provided by the respondent PIO vide letter no. 147 dated 16.09.2019 i. e. after delay of 175 days and also requested that her personal appearance be exempted from today's hearing. It is taken on record.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The respondent PIO is directed to file a written-reply in an affidavit explaining the delay made in supplying the requisite information to appellant by or on the next date of hearing.

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

The case is **adjourned to 18th December, 2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Rohit Sabharwal,
Kundan Bhawan, 126,
Model Gram, Ludhiana(Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

(Regd. Post)

Public Information Officer,
O/o The Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Zone-A, Ludhiana(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2208 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Gaurav Kumar, Junior Draftsman, on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 11.03.2019. First appeal is dated 20.04.2019. Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 20.06.2019

Sh. Gaurav Kumar, Junior Draftsman, who appeared on behalf of the respondent in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabharwal.

Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, authorised representative for the appellant, Sh. Rohit Sabharwal, through a letter dated 19.10.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the sought information has been provided by the respondent PIO vide letter no. 142 dated 05.09.2019 i. e. after delay of 165 days and also requested that her personal appearance be exempted from today's hearing. It is taken on record.

In view of the above, a show cause notice under Section 20 (1) of the RTI Act is issued to Public Information Officer concerned of office Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay in supplying the information to the RTI applicant under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005.

The respondent PIO is directed to file a written-reply in an affidavit explaining the delay made in supplying the requisite information to appellant by or on the next date of hearing.

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

The case is **adjourned to 18th December, 2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Urminder Singh,
3333/1, Street Number 0 (Zero),
Heersa Nagar,
Ludhiana - 141009 (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

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

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 541 of 2019

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

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 23.05.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 14.06.2019

The respondent PIO, through a reply dated 15.10.2019 sent by Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the concerned Clerk, is unable to attend today's hearing as he is on leave. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 8741 dated 26.09.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 19605 dated 10.10.2019, has intimated the Commission that the RTI request dated 23.05.2019 of the appellant, Sh. Urminder Singh through was received in the office and on the same day i. e. 23.05.2019 the appellant was requested to submit a copy of his identity as the already submitted copy of his identity shows different residential address but he did not submit the same in the office till date. is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Urminder Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

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

The case is **adjourned to 18th December, 2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Urminder Singh,
3333/1, Street Number 0 (Zero),
Heersa Nagar,
Ludhiana - 141009 (Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

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

... Respondents

Complaint Case No. 542 of 2019

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

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 23.05.2019. The complaint has been received in the Commission on 14.06.2019

The respondent PIO, through a reply dated 15.10.2019 sent by Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that the concerned Clerk, is unable to attend today's hearing as he is on leave. It is taken on record.

After examining the documents placed on record, it is found that the respondent PIO through a reply vide letter no. 8746 dated 26.09.2019 signed by Public Information Officer-cum-Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana, which has been received in the Commission vide Diary No. 19606 dated 10.10.2019, has intimated the Commission that the RTI request dated 23.05.2019 of the appellant, Sh. Urminder Singh was received in the office and on the same day i. e. 23.05.2019 the appellant was requested to submit a copy of his identity as the already submitted copy of his identity shows different residential address but he did not submit the same in the office till date. is taken on record.

The appellant, Sh. Urminder Singh, is not present in today's hearing.

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

The case is **adjourned to 18th December, 2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

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Date : 21st October, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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

...Complainant

Versus

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

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 684 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.07.2019 and an opportunity was given to the Complainant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied. The case was adjourned to 09.09.2019, which was postponed for today i. e. 21.10.19.

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu.

The appellant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu, through a letter dated 18.10.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and deficiencies have been pointed out by him through a letter dated 04.09.2019. It is taken on record.

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), intimates that no such letter has been received in the office of the respondent.

Accordingly, a copy of letter dated 04.09.2019, through which deficiencies have been pointed out by the appellant, is handed over to the representative of the respondent during the hearing in the Commission with the directions to remove the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant through letter dated 04.09.2019 by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received complete information or not. 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 18th December, 2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**
Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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

...Complainant

Versus

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

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 685 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the appellant.
Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.07.2019 and an opportunity was given to the Complainant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied. The case was adjourned to 09.09.2019, which was postponed for today i. e. 21.10.19.

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that in response to the RTI request, the requisite information has already been supplied to the appellant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu.

The appellant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu, through a letter dated 18.10.2019, which has been received in the Commission through an e-mail, has intimated the Commission that incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO and deficiencies have been pointed out by him through a letter dated 04.09.2019. It is taken on record.

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), intimates that no such letter has been received in the office of the respondent.

Accordingly, a copy of letter dated 04.09.2019, through which deficiencies have been pointed out by the appellant, is handed over to the representative of the respondent during the hearing in the Commission with the directions to remove the deficiencies, pointed out by the appellant through letter dated 04.09.2019 by the next date of hearing.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received complete information or not. 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 18th December, 2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

Harpal Singh Sodhi

S/o Sh.Dasondha Singh Sodhi
#15, Kalghidhar Enclave, Baltana,
Sub Tehsil Zirakpur,
Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali)

...Complainant

Versus

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

..Respondent

Complaint Case No. 1010 of 2018

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

This case was last heard on 17.07.2019 and an opportunity was given to the complainant to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied. The case was adjourned to 09.09.2019, which was postponed for today i. e. 21.10.19.

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, states that whatever information relates with I. T. Wing, has been sent to the complainant, Sh. Harpal Singh Sodhi at his residential address, which he refused to take the same (Copy of the envelope, through which the information was sent to the complainant is enclosed). He also states that he has also brought a copy of the information in the Commission so that the same could be handed over to the complainant during the hearing. It is taken on record.

He (Sh. Sukhjinder Singh) also submits a reply vide letter no. 1645-46 dated 11.10.2019, showing that part information relates with office of Deputy Director, Administration – III Branch and Machinery Branch, which has not been received till date and a letter dated 11.10.2019 has been sent to the above-mentioned concerned branches to supply the required information. It is taken on record.

The complainant, Sh. Labh Singh Sandhu, was absent on the hearings, held on 22.05.2019 and 16.07.2019. He is again absent from today's hearing without any intimation to the Commission. Accordingly, an opportunity is also given to the appellant to represent this case in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing or it would be assumed that the complainant does not wish to pursue his case further and the case would be decided on merits.

The case is **adjourned to 18th December, 2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

(Sanjiv Garg)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

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

...Appellant

V/s

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

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

... Respondents

Appeal Case No. 2191 of 2019

Present : None on behalf of the complainant.
i) Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Edu. Wing) ;
ii) Sh. Amarbir Singh, Senior Assistant, Tech. Edu. – II Branch) ;
iii) Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), on behalf of the respondent.

ORDER

The RTI request is dated 25.03.2019. First appeal is dated 05.05.2019.
Second appeal has been received in the Commission on 19.06.2019 .

The appellant, Sh. Harjeet Singh through a letter dated 21.10.2019, 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 incomplete information has been given to him by the respondent PIO. It is taken on record.

Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Edu. Wing), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally states that the information sought for by the appellant at point no. 01, 02 and 06 through RTI request, relates with Tech. Edu. Wing, which has been sent to the appellant, Sh. Harjeet Singh at his residential address through registered post .

Sh. Amarbir Singh, Senior Assistant, (Tech. Edu. – II Branch), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally states that the information sought for by the appellant at point no. 05 through RTI request, relates with Tech. Edu. – II Branch, which is voluminous in nature and the appellant was advised to collect it personally from the Branch.

Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, Junior Assistant (I. T. Wing), who appeared on behalf of the respondent PIO in today's hearing, orally states that the information sought for by the appellant at point no. 03 and 04 through RTI request, relates with I. T. Wing, which relates with Establishment branch and a letter has also been forwarded to the above-mentioned concerned branch (Establishment branch) to supply the required information.

Accordingly, the concerned Officer/official of I. T. Wing, is directed to supply the certified copies of the required information at point no. 03 and 04 through RTI request to the appellant through registered post within one month from today and submit a copy of the postal receipt, (through which information would be sent to the Appellant) on the next date of hearing.

The appellant is advised to visit the office of the Tech. Edu. – II Branch to collect required information, sought for by him at point no. 05 through RTI request, personally from the concerned Branch (i. e. Tech. Edu.-II Branch) on 15.11.2019 at 12:30 P. M. and the respondent PIO is directed to supply the required information to the appellant during his visit to office of the respondent PIO on 15.11.2019 at 12:30 P. M.

An opportunity is also given to the appellant to confirm whether he has received the information (which would be supplied by respondent PIOs of concerned branches i. e. I. T. Wing and Tech. Edu.-II Branch) or not. He is also advised to point out deficiencies, if any, in the information supplied to him, in writing, to the respondent PIO/ PIOs well in time so that the same could be removed by the respondent PIOs of concerned branches, by the next date of hearing. He is also advised to represent his case in person or through his representative on the next date of hearing.

As complete information, sought for by the appellant at point no. 01, 02 and 06 through RTI request ,has been supplied by Tech. Edu. Wing, hence, Sh. Baldev Singh, Senior Assistant (Tech. Edu. Wing), is exempted from personal appearance in further hearings of this case.

The case is **adjourned to 18th December, 2019 (Wednesday) at 11:00 A. M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Date : 21st October, 2019

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