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Shri Sanjeev Kumar Jhatta  
S/o Shri Surinder Pal Jhatta,  
H.No.385, Ward No.4,  
Faridkot Road, Gurharsahai,  
District Ferozepur.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Ferozepur.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Ferozepur.

....Respondents

**AC No.1326 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Sanjeev Kumar Jhatta, appellant**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

**ORDER:**

**(Contacted through Telephone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 22.10.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 30.11.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.05.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.07.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ferozepur.
3. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Jhatta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C. He states that he has not been provided the information asked for by him.
4. Neither the PIO/respondent himself has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor deputed any representative on his behalf.
5. The absence of PIO is viewed adversely. He is now directed to call the appellant to his office. The appellant will be made available all the relevant official records to identify the information he requires. The PIO will then provide information so identified by the appellant.
6. The PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ferozepur is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for the delay caused in the supply of information to the appellant and for not



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attending the hearing. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

7. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 01.09.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ferozepur.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
22.07.2020**

**Sd/-  
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District Ferozepur.

.....Appellant

Versus

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O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Ferozepur.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Ferozepur.

.....Respondents

**AC No.1327 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Sanjeev Kumar Jhatta, appellant**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO/respondent.**

**ORDER:**

**(Contacted through Telephone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 12.09.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 15.11.2019 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.05.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.07.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ferozepur.
3. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Jhatta, appellant attends the hearing through V.C. He states that he has not been provided the information asked for by him.
4. Neither the PIO/respondent himself has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor deputed any representative on his behalf.
5. The absence of PIO is viewed adversely. He is now directed to call the appellant to his office. The appellant will be made available all the relevant official records to identify the information he requires. The PIO will then provide information so identified by the appellant.
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attending the hearing. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

7. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 01.09.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Ferozepur.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Vinay Sofat  
# 136/1, Block-12, Shahpur Road,  
Ludhiana.

...Complainant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Principal Secretary to  
Government of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Higher Education,  
Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority  
O/o Principal Secretary to  
Government of Punjab,  
Deptt. of Higher Education,  
Chandigarh.

...Respondent

**CC No.956/2019 converted into AC No.956/2019**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Vinay Sophat, appellant**  
(ii) **Smt. Jasvinderjit Kaur, Senior Assistant, O/o Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Punjab Govt./APIO, in person in Commission's Office at Chandigarh..**

**ORDER:**

**(Contacted through Telephone)**

1. The RTI complaint is dated 29.08.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI complaint. This was received as a Complaint Case by the Bench on 18.11.2019. It was remanded back to the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 19.12.2019 and the Complainant filed appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 23.12.2019.

2. On the appeal filed by the Complainant in pursuance of order dated 19.12.2019 passed by this Bench, the First Appellate Authority, vide order dated 16.03.2020, rejected appeal of the complainant. Accordingly, against the order dated 16.03.2020, the Complainant (now appellant) has again filed instant appeal before the Commission. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Ludhiana. However, on contacting the official concerned with the V.C. facility, it is reported that as per orders of D.C. Office, Ludhiana, the public dealing has been prohibited in the D.C. Office due to pandemic of COVID-19, hence, the Video Conferencing cannot be held..

3. In view of the position explained above, Shri Vinay Sophat, appellant is contacted through telephone. On the asking of the Bench, he states that he is working as Associate Professor (History) in Radha Krishan Arya College, Nawanshahar. He states that he has not been provided any information and his appeal has also been rejected by the First Appellate Authority.



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**CC No.956/2019 converted into AC No.956/2019**

4. Smt. Jasvinderjit Kaur, Senior Assistant O/o Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Punjab comes present to attend the hearing before the Bench in person in Commission's office. On the asking of the Bench, she states that the information sought by the appellant is third party as he seeks list of 127 Lecturers regularized, and this list does not contain appellant's name.

5. On examination of the case related documents and discussion with the APIO, the Bench does not agree with the contention of the APIO and directs the PIO to provide the information asked for by the appellant. Upon this, the APIO assures that the information on points (2) & (3) of the RTI application will be supplied to the appellant and sent on his e-mail Id. as also by registered post on priority.

6. The appellant is again contacted through telephone and apprised of the assurance given by the APIO to provide information on Points (2) and (3) on priority. The appellant gives his consent and also agrees to the closure of the case. Accordingly, the PIO is directed to supply the information as assured by the APIO present in the hearing within seven days.

7. With the aforesaid directions, **the Complaint Case No.956/2019 converted into AC No.956/2019, is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Gurmej Lal,  
R/o H.No.6375, Street No.16,  
Guru Gobind Singh Nagar,  
Backside Bachan Gas Agency,  
Near Mair Di Chakki, PO Daba,  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.1329 of 2020**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 11.01.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 13.02.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.05.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Ludhiana. However, on contacting the official concerned with the V.C. facility, it is reported that as per orders of D.C.Office, Ludhiana, the public dealing has been prohibited in the D.C. Office due to pandemic of COVID-19, hence, the Video Conferencing cannot be held..
3. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 01.09.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Balwinder Singh Laddi,  
R/o H.No.418, Street No.5,  
Mohalla Nanal Sar,  
Tehsil Road, Simla Puri,  
Ludhiana-141003.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.1330 of 2020**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 11.01.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 13.02.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.05.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Ludhiana. However, on contacting the official concerned with the V.C. facility, it is reported that as per orders of D.C.Office, Ludhiana, the public dealing has been prohibited in the D.C. Office due to pandemic of COVID-19, hence, the Video Conferencing cannot be held.
3. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 01.09.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Sarabjeet Singh Gill,  
R/o H.No.60-35-P 376-1,  
Street No.8, Maha Singh Nagar,  
PO Dhandari Kalan,  
Ludhiana-141014.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.1331 of 2020**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 11.01.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 13.02.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.05.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Ludhiana. However, on contacting the official concerned with the V.C. facility, it is reported that as per orders of D.C. Office, Ludhiana, the public dealing has been prohibited in the D.C. Office due to pandemic of COVID-19, hence, the Video Conferencing cannot be held.
3. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 01.09.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Street No.8, Maha Singh Nagar,  
PO Dhandari Kalan,  
Ludhiana-141014.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.1332 of 2020**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 14.12.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 17.01.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.05.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Ludhiana. However, on contacting the official concerned with the V.C. facility, it is reported that as per orders of D.C.Office, Ludhiana, the public dealing has been prohibited in the D.C. Office due to pandemic of COVID-19, hence, the Video Conferencing cannot be held.
3. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 01.09.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Street No.8, Maha Singh Nagar,  
PO Dhandari Kalan,  
Ludhiana-141014.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.1333 of 2020**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 08.01.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 13.02.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 27.05.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Ludhiana. However, on contacting the official concerned with the V.C. facility, it is reported that as per orders of D.C.Office, Ludhiana, the public dealing has been prohibited in the D.C. Office due to pandemic of COVID-19, hence, the Video Conferencing cannot be held.
3. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 01.09.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan,  
R/o H.No.7, G.K. Vihar,  
Manakwal,  
Ludhiana-

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

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

....Respondents

**AC No.1372 of 2020**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 20.01.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 02.03.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.05.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).

2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Ludhiana. However, on contacting the official concerned with the V.C. facility, it is reported that as per orders of D.C. Office, Ludhiana, the public dealing has been prohibited in the D.C. Office due to pandemic of COVID-19, hence, the Video Conferencing cannot be held.

3. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 01.09.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Sukhwinder Singh,  
O/o President, Anti  
Corruption Front (Retd.)  
Machhiwara, Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Secretary,  
School Education, Pb. Govt.  
Chandigarh.

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Secretary,  
School Education, Pb. Govt.  
Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.4175 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant- (Contacted through telephone)**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 23.06.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous date of hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Ludhiana. However, on contacting the official concerned with the V.C. facility, it is reported that as per orders of D.C.Office, Ludhiana, the public dealing has been prohibited in the D.C. Office due to pandemic of COVID-19, hence, the Video Conferencing cannot be held..
3. In view of the position explained above, the appellant is contacted through telephone. He states that two days ago, he had received a call from Mrs. Saroj Bala that the information was being provided to him, however, he has not received any information yet.
4. As neither the PIO nor any of his representatives attend the hearing before the Bench, the version of the PIO/respondent could not be known.
5. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. To come up for hearing on 01.09.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana. Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

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Shri Rohit Sabharwal, President  
Council of RTI Activists  
Kundan Bhawan,  
126, Model Gram, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana..

....Respondents

**AC No.1571 of 2020**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 06.02.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 06.03.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.06.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Ludhiana. However, on contacting the official concerned with the V.C. facility, it is reported that as per orders of D.C. Office, Ludhiana, the public dealing has been prohibited in the D.C. Office due to pandemic of COVID-19, hence, the Video Conferencing cannot be held.
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126, Model Gram, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana..

....Respondents

**AC No.1572 of 2020**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 06.02.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 06.03.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.06.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
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Shri Rohit Sabharwal, President  
Council of RTI Activists  
Kundan Bhawan,  
126, Model Gram, Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Municipal Corporation, (Zone-A)  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana..

....Respondents

**AC No.1574 of 2020**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 18.01.2020 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 27.02.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 17.06.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through V.C. at DC Office, Ludhiana. However, on contacting the official concerned with the V.C. facility, it is reported that as per orders of D.C. Office, Ludhiana, the public dealing has been prohibited in the D.C. Office due to pandemic of COVID-19, hence, the Video Conferencing cannot be held.
3. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 01.09.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the orders be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
22.07.2020**

**Sd/-  
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Shri Sanjeev Thakur  
(Press Reporter)  
Vill.& PO Madhopur,  
Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o General Manager,  
Punjab Roadways, Pathankot

**First Appellate Authority0-**  
O/o Administrative Officer-cum-  
Executive Director (Admn.),  
PUNBUS, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

**AC No.1347 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Appellant ((Contacted through Telephone).**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

1. The RTI application is dated 01.11.2019 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. First appeal was filed with the First Appellate Authority (hereinafter FAA) on 07.02.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.05.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 22.07.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Pathankot.
3. Shri Sanjeev Thakur, appellant has not come present to attend the hearing through V.C. Thus, he is contacted through telephone. He states that he has received incomplete information and has also pointed out certain deficiencies vide his letter dated 21.07.2020 sent by e.mail.
4. Neither the PIO/respondent himself has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor any official has been deputed by the PIO to attend the hearing.
5. The absence of PIO is viewed adversely. He is now directed to call the appellant to his office. The appellant will be made available all the relevant official records to identify the information he requires. The PIO will then provide the information so identified by the appellant. This is to be done before next hearing.
6. PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official record in Appeal Case



No.1347/2020 has been supplied to the appellant and nothing beyond that information is available in their official records. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement made is correct and authentic. The original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy thereof be sent to the Commission for record

7. The PIO O/o General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Pathankot is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and to explain as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for the delay caused in the supply of information to the appellant and for not attending the hearing. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

8. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply 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 proceeding against him ex-parte.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 31.08.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Pathankot.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
22.07.2020**

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