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**Sh. Naresh Kumar, (9464522190)**

H.No.2190, Sector 44-C,

Chandigarh 160047,

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secy. State Board of Technical Education &

Industrial Training, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Secy. State Board of Technical Education &

Industrial Training, Chandigarh

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 5321 of 2021**

**Through CISCO Webex**

**Present:**

Appellant-Sh. Naresh Kumar

Respondent: Dr. Jasdeep Kaur, Dy. Director (Academics) (7700008105)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.09.2022.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
3. Respondent, information was sent to the appellant by hand on 15.09.2022 and 13.09.2022 by registered post as per directions of the Commission vide order dated 13.09.2022, but not received by the appellant.
4. The appellant states that information is not supplied to him by hand/registered post. He adds that he has sent an email dated 07.10.2022 in this regard, which is received and taken on record.
5. After having detailed discussion with both the parties and examining the documents placed on record, copy of an email dated 07.10.2022 will be sent to the respondent PIO, Ms. Jasdeep Kaur through whatsapp after the hearing of this instant appeal case. She is directed to go through the same and send copy of requisite information to the Commission via registered post within seven days and appellant is directed to collect the same from the Commission by giving acknowledgment in writing for the receiving the same within 20 days from today.
6. Appellant is also directed to point out discrepancy as per RTI application within ten days after receipt of the information from the Commission, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
7. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **08.02.2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Punjab State Information Commission, Sector 16, Chandigarh.** Announced in the court. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 22.11.2022**

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

**Note:** After the hearing was over, copy of email dated 07.10.2022 is sent to respondent, Dr. Jasdeep Kaur through whatsapp.

**Dated: 22.11.2022**

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**Sh. Sanjeev Thakur(9814289744)**

Vill. Gudha Khurd,  
PO Madhopur Cantt. 145024

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o RTA, Sangrur

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o ASTC O/o STC Pb., Chandigarh

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 1796 of 2021**  
**Through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** (i) Appellant: absent

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sham Lal (ATO-cum-PIO)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.09.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Sham Lal states that he is appointed as PIO on 16.11.2022. it is also observed that an email dated 21.11.2022 is received from the respondent department stating therein that Sh. Sham Lal appointed/designated as Public Information Officer of O/o RTA, Sangrur in compliance to the order passed by the Punjab State Information Commissioner (order no. 49920 dated 07.11.2022). This email is taken on record.
3. Respondent, Sh. Sham Lal states that information is still pending to be supplied. He assures that information will be supplied to the appellant before the next date of hearing.
4. Appellant is absent in spite of registered post order issued to him by the Commission, which means he has nothing to say in this regard.
5. After examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to comply with the previous order of the Commission within seven days after receipt of this order under intimation to the Commission along with directions to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively, as ample time has elapsed.
6. To come up on **02.02.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.  
(Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

**Dated: 22.11.2022**

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**Sh. Pankaj Kumar s/o(9988241285)**

Sh. Nabh Singh, MCB Zone-6,

H.No.3225, Gali No.1-B,

Sukhpeer Road, Bathinda-151301.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o M.C., Bathinda

Encl. Discrepancy letter (Email dated 22.11.2022)

**Sh. Lakhbir Trikha**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o M.C., Bathinda

Encl. Discrepancy letter (Email dated 22.11.2022)

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Commissioner, M.C., Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 2796 of 2021**

**Heard through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** Appellant: Sh. Sanjiv Goyal on behalf of appellant  
Respondent – Sh. Neeraj Garg (SDO) (9872310253)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.09.2022.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Neeraj Garg states that information in connection with point no. 2,3,4,6,7 and 10 is already been sent to the appellant via letter numbers 545 (dated 03.03.2021) and 150 (dated 22.09.2022).
3. Representative of the appellant, Sh. Sanjiv Goyal states that he has sent an email dated 22.11.2022 to the undersigned Bench, regarding pending information, which is received and taken on record.
4. After having detailed discussion with both the parties and examining the case file, inspection of the official record is fixed for tomorrow i.e. 23.11.2022 at 12:00 Noon and both the parties are advised to mutually cooperate on the fixed date and time for inspection. Respondent PIO is directed to supply the identified pages to the appellant so that case could be concluded on the next date of hearing positively.
5. A copy of discrepancy letter (received via email dated 22.11.2022) to be sent to the respondent PIO along with this order through registered post for his ready reference.
6. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
7. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **07.02.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX application**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Dated: 22.11.2022**

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**Sh. H.S.Hundal, Advocate (9878500082)**

# 203, District Courts,  
Sector 76,  
Mohali 160071.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Regional Transport Authority, Patiala

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb.,  
Chandigarh

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 3844 of 2021**  
**Hearing through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Appellant –Absent.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Harjit Singh (Clerk-cum-APIO) (7009537406)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.09.2022 vide which appellant was advised to visit the respondent's office on **13.10.2022 at 11:00 A.M.** to inspect the official record and **respondent PIO, Sh. Sham Lal** was directed to be present on the fixed date and time. Respondent PIO was also directed to supply the official record for inspection as per queries raised by the appellant in the RTI application along with directions to supply the identified pages within seven days after identification. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 22.11.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant is not present but an email dated 21.11.2022 is received stating therein that appellant tried to connect with respondent PIO before 13.10.2022 several times but no response. This email is taken on record.
3. Respondent, Sh. Harjit Singh states that record lies in the Head Office and letters were sent / issued in this regard but record is not received yet.
4. After having detailed discussion with the respondent and examining the case file, it is observed that appellant filed RTI application on 15.03.2021, but till date nothing has been supplied to him, which means respondent PIO is making mockery of the RTI Act, 2005 which came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every Public Authority. It also affects disposal of the case.
5. As per case file, it is also observed that RTI application is not transferred to the respondent PIO, State Transport Commissioner, Punjab Chandigarh under Section 6(3) within the stipulated time period as per the RTI Act, 2005.

**Appeal Case No.: 3844 of 2021**  
**Hearing through CISCO WEBEX**

6. On hearing held on 12.05.2022, respondent Sh. Harjit Singh intimated that record is voluminous and request the appellant to specify the same and he was also present on the hearing held on 13.09.2022 vide which inspection was fixed for 13.10.2022 but till date status is same, information is pending to be supplied, which is indeed a serious matter.
7. **A final opportunity is awarded to the respondent PIO, o/o RTA, Patiala to collect the information from STC office and to supply the point-wise reply/information as per RTI application to the appellant within fifteen days from the date of receipt of this order, without any further delay as ample time had already been elapsed.**
8. Respondent PIO, Sh. Sham Lal (ATO) is also directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing. A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.
9. A copy of this order be also sent to respondent PIO, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab Chandigarh by name through registered post for her ready reference
10. Appellant is advised to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively so that case could be concluded. He is also advised to point out discrepancy, if any, in writing to the respondent PIO with a copy to the Commission within ten days after receipt of the information, failing which it will be presumed that he has nothing to say in this regard.
11. To come up on **17.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties. (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

**Dated: 22.11.2022**

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

**Regd. Post**      **Sh. Sham Lal (ATO-cum-PIO)**  
O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Patiala

**Regd. Post**      **Ms. Kulwinder Kaur (Public Information Officer)**  
O/o State Transport Commissioner, Punjab,  
Chandigarh

**Note:** Ms. Kulwinder Kaur (PIO, O/o STC, Punjab, Chandigarh) appears in other appeal case no. 4037 of 2022, which is also fixed for today. She intimates the undersigned Bench that record in connection with the instant appeal case was sent to the respondent PIO, O/o RTA Patiala via emails dated 17.11.2022, 18.11.2022, 21.11.2022 and today itself.

**Dated: 22.11.2022**

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

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**Sh. Gaurav Singla(9781056202)**

S/o Sh. Tarsem Chand,  
Main Road, Kainchian,  
W.No.1, R/o Bareta Distt. Mansa

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Bareta,  
Distt. Mansa

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o EO, Nagar Council, Bareta,  
Distt. Mansa

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 2823 of 2022**  
**Hearing through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** Appellant: Sh. Gaurav Singla  
Respondent: Sh. Vijay Kumar, JA (9464129347)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.09.2022.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that information received from the respondent on 27.09.2022 but information in connection with point no. 3, 4, 5 and 6 is still pending.
4. After having detailed discussion with both the parties and examining the case file, appellant is advised to visit the respondent's office today i.e. 22.11.2022 at 12:30 PM for the inspection of official record in connection with point no. 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Respondent PIO is directed to provide the record for inspection and supply the identified pages in connection with point no. 3, 4, 5 and 6 to the appellant, so that case could be concluded on the next date of hearing.

5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. To come up on **17.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.  
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**Dated: 22.11.2022**

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**State Information Commissioner**  
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**Sh. Ravinder Singh Gill**

# 986, Near Dev Hotel, Main Bazaar,  
Moga 142001.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o SDM-Cum-DTO, Mansa

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o SDM-Cum-DTO, Mansa

Respondent

**Appeal case No.: 620 of 2022**  
**Hearing through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** None for the parties.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.09.2022.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are not present but emails dated 21.11.2022(from the appellant) and dated 22.11.2022(from the respondent) are received, which are taken on record. A final opportunity is awarded to both the parties to represent this case on the next date of hearing, failing which case will be decided on merit basis.
3. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **01.03.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.  
(Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

**Dated: 22.11.2022**

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

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

Appellant

Versus

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

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

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 4167 of 2021**  
**(Through CISCO WEBEX)**

**Present:** None for the parties.

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.09.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant joined CISCO meeting but during the hearing of this case appellant's name is called many times but not received any response from him and he left the meeting.
3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post order issued to him by the Commission.
4. A final opportunity is awarded to both the parties to represent this case on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
5. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **28.02.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX** application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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

**Dated: 22.11.2022**

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



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**Sh. Jasbir Singh (9888296107)**

**Guru Nanak Nagar,**

**Village Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh,**

**Distt. Ludhiana141123.**

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,

Sangrur

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,

Sangrur

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 3215 of 2021**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

Present: Appellant- absent

Respondent: Sh. Sham Lal (ATO-cum-PIO) (9914223294)

**ORDER:**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.09.2022 vide which **penalty amounting to Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only)** was imposed on the concerned respondent PIO. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 22.11.2022.
2. In today's hearing appellant is not present but he intimates the undersigned Bench through phone call that he has received the requisite information and satisfied with the same.
3. Respondent, Sh. Sham Lal is present for today's hearing and 15 days awarded to him to deposit the penalty as per previous order of the Commission dated 13.09.2022, as this case is only pending for depositing the penalty amount.
4. Appellant is exempted from further hearings, as he is satisfied with the supplied information.
5. Respondent PIO is directed to submit the copy of challan regarding depositing the penalty amount to the undersigned Bench before the next date of hearing positively. A copy of this order be sent to him by name through registered post for his ready reference.
6. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **20.12.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX** application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Dated: 22.11.2022**

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

**(Regd. Post)**

**Sh. Sham Lal (ATO-cum-PIO)**

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority,

Sangrur

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**Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate(9041004313)**

Civil Court, Tehsil Complex,  
Backside Sanjh Kender,  
Phillaur 144410.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o SDM, Kapurthala

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o SDM, Kapurthala

Respondent

**Appeal case No.: 1110 of 2021**  
**Hearing through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** (i) Sh. Tejinder Singh, Advocate appellant- present  
(ii) For the respondent: absent

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 13.09.2022 vide which penalty amounting Rs. 5,000/- was imposed on respondent PIO. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 22.11.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant, Sh. Tejinder Singh states that information is still pending even after the directions of the Commission time and again.
3. Respondent PIO is absent in spite of registered post order issued to him by the Commission, which means respondent PIO is not serious towards his duties as a Public servant, is a indeed a serious matter. It is also observed that even after imposing penalty, respondent PIO did not pay heed towards the directions of the Commission time and again.
4. In wake of above, **penalty amounting Rs. 5,000/- (Five Thousand Only) which was imposed on the respondent PIO is enhanced to Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only)**. A copy of this order be sent to the concerned PIO through registered post.

The amount of penalty will be deposited in the treasury of Punjab Government under the head.....

Major Head .. 0070 -Other Administrative Services

Sub-Major Head .. 60 - Other Services

Minor Head .. 800 - Other Receipts

Sub-Head .. 86 - Fee under the Right to Information Act, 2005

Detailed Head .. 0070 Other Administrative Services

60 Other Services- 800- Other Receipts

86- Fees under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

And a copy of challan receipt be sent to the Commission by the next date of hearing.



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**Sh. Pankaj Kapoor(9814245156)**

S/o Sh. Ram Saroop,  
#276-L&R, Rainbow Road,  
Model Town, Jalandhar

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o MC, Jalandhar

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

Respondent

**Appeal Case No.: 2832 of 2022**

**Hearing through CISCO Webex**

**Present:** Advocate, Sh. Bhrigu Dutt Sharma on behalf of the Appellant  
Respondent: Ms. Pooja Maan (Building Inspector) (8146800598)

**ORDER**

1. This order may be read with reference to the previous order dated 22.09.2022 vide which show cause was issued to the respondent PIO. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 22.11.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, representative of the appellant, Sh. Bhrigu Sharma, Advocate states that status is same as it was on the previous hearing held on 22.09.2022.
3. As the hearing of this case was done and representative of the appellant, Sh. Bhrigu Dutt left the meeting, Ms. Pooja Maan, Building Inspector appeared from the respondent department and intimates the Commission that reply was sent to the appellant on 20.12.2021 and 08.06.2022 and she submits copy of both letters dated 20.12.2021 and 08.06.2022, which is taken on record.
4. After examining the documents placed on record. Respondent PIO is directed to supply an affidavit in original as per RTI application to the appellant with a copy to the Commission within seven days after receipt of this order. Ms. Pooja Maan is also advised to appear on the fixed date and time before the Commission for hearing, so that case could be concluded accordingly.
5. Both the parties are advised to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing, failing to which, appropriate order in their absence shall be passed.
6. The matter is adjourned for further hearing on **17.01.2023 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO WEBEX** application. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Dated: 22.11.2022**

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