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

**Sh. Sarabjit Singh, S/o Lt. Sh. Harbans Singh,**

House Number 292, Nagar Sudhar Trust Colony,  
Sakeem Number 5, Jail Road, Gurdaspur. (Pb.)

....Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Gurdaspur (Punjab).

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The Deputy Commissioner,  
Gurdaspur (Punjab)

...Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 1388 of 2019**

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Sarabjit Singh is absent.  
Sh. Surjit Singh, Superintendent (Grade -I) along with Sh. Sukhwinder Singh,  
Sadar Congo, Gurdaspur is present on behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

### **Order:**

This case was last heard on 21.01.2020 vide which the Respondent/ PIO was directed to supply the remaining information to the Appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Sarabjeet Singh is absent.

The representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Surjit Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and he is satisfied with the same. He further submits an acknowledgement receipt dated 20.02.2020 signed by the Appellant along with the letter number 1382 dated 20.02.2020 to the Court, which is taken on record.

In view of above, as the Appellant is satisfied, no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 24.02.2020**

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## Sh. Gurdev Singh

S/o Sh. Gurbachan Singh,  
# 2163, Tibbi Sahib Road,  
Gaushala Street, Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

## Public Information Officer,

O/o The General Manager,  
Punjab Roadways,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib(Punjab)

## First Appellate Authority,

O/o The General Manager,  
Punjab Roadways,  
Sri Muktsar Sahib(Punjab)

...Respondents

### Appeal Case No. 2271 of 2019

**Present :** Sh. Gurdev Singh, the Appellant in person.  
Sh. Hardeep Singh, Superintendent –cum- APIO is present on behalf  
of the Respondent/ PIO.

### ORDER

This case was last heard on 21.01.2020 vide which the Respondent/PIO was directed to supply the remaining information to the Appellant before the next date of hearing.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Hardeep Singh hands over the requisite information to the Appellant during the proceedings of the Court. He further submits a copy of self declaration signed by Mohammad Rizwan Farooqui, General Manager, Punjab Roadways, Sri Muktsar Sahib along with letter vide endorsement 6632-33 dated 19.02.2020 vide which the requisite information is attached herewith, to the Court, which is taken on record.

After having the point wise discussion with both the parties, the Appellant shows his satisfaction on the supplied information and further submits an acknowledgement receipt dated 24.02.2020 of the same, which is taken on record.

In view of above, as the Appellant is satisfied, no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

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Dated: 24.02.2020

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**Sh. Krishan Gopal Singla,**

S/o Sh. Brij Lal,

# B/ 190, Ward Number 16,

Sangrur Road, Dhuri,

District Sangrur. (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**

O/o The Secretary,

Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur (Punjab).

**First Appellate Authority,**

O/o The State Transport Commissioner,

Punjab, Sector -17, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 3374 of 2018**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Krishan Gopal Singla is absent.

Sh. Avtar Singh, Clerk is present on behalf of Respondent/ PIO.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 21.01.2020 vide which an opportunity was given to the Appellant and he was advised to go through the requisite information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Avtar Singh states that the information has been sent to the Appellant again through registered post dated 17.01.2020 after removing the deficiencies and the same has already been discussed vide previous order dated 21.01.2020. He further states that no intimation has been received from the Appellant relating to this case till date.

The Appellant, Sh. Krishan Gopal is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

As per the previous hearing, the Appellant was advised to go through the requisite information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission but he failed to do so.

In view of above, it is presumed that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and he is satisfied with the same. So, no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

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**Dated: 24.02.2020**

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**Sh. Surinder Kumar, S/o Sh. Lal Chand,**  
R/o Block Number: D/ 8-501,  
Maya Garden City, Zirakpur,  
District S.A.S Nagar (Mohali)  
Punjab.

...Complainant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Bathinda.

...Respondents

**Complaint Case No. 1136 of 2018**

**Present:** The Complainant, Sh. Surinder Kumar is present.  
Sh. Bhupinder Singh, Assistant Transport Officer- cum- PIO is present on  
behalf of the Respondent/PIO.

**Order:**

This case was last heard on 21.01.2020 vide which the Respondent/ PIO was advised to deposit the penalty and to appear in person on the next date of hearing i.e. today.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Surinder Kumar states that incomplete information has been supplied to him till date.

After discussing with the PIO, Sh. Bhupinder Singh it is found that the information relating to point number 1 and 3 is pending and on this, the PIO, Sh. Bhupinder Singh assures that it will be supplied to the Complainant before the next date of hearing as the work is under process. He further states that the penalty has been deposited into the Government Treasury and the proof of the same has been sent to the Commission via email dated 24.02.2020 i.e. today.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that the proof of penalty has been received in the Commission via email dated 24.02.2020 and the Respondent/ PIO is advised to supply the remaining information (i.e. Point number 1 and 3) to the Complainant, Sh. Surinder Kumar through registered post before the next date of hearing. The Respondent/ PIO is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative along with the postal receipt through which the information has been sent to the Complainant, on the next date of hearing.

The Complainant is advised to appear in person on the next date of hearing, positively.

**The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 29.04.2020 at 11.00 A.M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 24.02.2020**

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**Sh. Rajesh Kumar, S/o Sh. Dev Raj,**  
Ward No. 5, Near Hind Hospital,  
Ahmedgarh, Tehsil Ahmedgarh,  
Sangrur, Punjab (148021)

....Complainant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Sangrur.

...Respondents

**Complaint Case No. 369 of 2019**

**Present:** The Complainant, Sh. Rajesh Kumar is present.  
None is present on behalf of Respondent/ PIO.

**Order:**

This case was last heard on 21.01.2020 vide which a list of deficiencies dated 21.01.2020 had been submitted by the Complainant to the Respondent/ PIO for removing the same and to supply the information through registered post.

In today's hearing, the Complainant, Sh. Rajesh Kumar states that certain information has been supplied to him.

None is present on behalf of Respondent/ PIO but an email dated 24.02.2020 has been received in the Commission vide which they had requested for an adjournment due to PIO's ill health. In the email a copy of letter vide endorsement number 6995 dated 20.02.2020 has been attached in which they had mentioned about four vehicles (i.e. PB13AW 2516, PB13AW 2515, PB13AR 6015 and PB13AL 7998) and rest are still pending. He has further written that the information relating to the rest of the numbers relates with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

After discussing with the Complainant, it has been found that the Complainant does not need the full details of the vehicle, he just need to know the vehicle type/ name of the vehicle and the owner name of the remaining vehicles which has been mentioned to the PIO vide list of deficiencies dated 21.01.2020.

An opportunity is given to the Respondent/ PIO and he is advised to supply the remaining information to the Complainant through registered post within a week. The Respondent/PIO is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing along with the postal receipt vide which the information has been sent to the Complainant.

The Complainant is advised to go through the requisite information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Complainant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

**The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 31.03.2020 at 11.00 A.M.**

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**Dated: 24.02.2020**

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**Punjab**

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**Sh. Manjinder Singh,**  
# 2469, Sunny Enclave,  
Sector -125, Kharar,  
District Mohali-140301(Punjab)

...**Appellant**

**V/s.**

**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. 2143 of 2019**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh is present.  
Sh. Sandeep, Supervisor is present on behalf of Respondent/ PIO.

**ORDER**

This case was last heard on 06.01.2020 vide which both the parties were directed to represent this case by appearing in person before the Commission on the next date of hearing so that the facts of this case could be cleared.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Sandeep states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant. He further submits a letter number 1729 dated 20.02.2020 along with the copy of letter number 39 dated 03.01.2020 to the Court, which is taken on record.

On this, the Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh states that he is satisfied with the supplied information and requests for closing his appeal case by submitting an acknowledgement receipt dated 24.02.2020, which is taken on record.

In view of above, as the Appellant is satisfied. So, no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

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**Dated: 24.02.2020**

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**Sh. Rakesh Sharma,**  
**S/o Sh. Bhupinder Sharma,**  
# 182/12, Main Bazar,  
Katra Parja, I/s Hathi Gate, Amritsar.

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
**O/o** The Managing Director,  
P. R. T. C. (Head Office),  
Nabha Road, Patiala (**Punjab**).

**First Appellate Authority,**  
**O/o** The Managing Director,  
P. R. T. C. (Head Office),  
Patiala (**Punjab**).

...Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 1259 of 2019**

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Kumar is absent.  
Sh. Narinder Kumar, Senior Assistant is present on behalf of the  
Respondent/PIO.

### **ORDER**

This case may be read with the reference with the previous order 21.01.2020.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Rakesh Sharma is absent without any intimation to the Commission.

The representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Narinder Kumar states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant through registered post. He further submits a copy of the postal receipt dated 29.11.2019 vide which the information has been supplied to the Appellant. He further states that no intimation has been received from the Appellant relating to this case till date.

After going through the case file, it has been observed that the Appellant was absent on the previous hearing dated 21.01.2020 and he was also given an opportunity to go through the requisite information, once he received the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission but he failed to do so.

In view of above, it is presumed that the information has been supplied to the Appellant and he is satisfied with the same. So, no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

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**Dated: 24.02.2020**

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**Sh. Harkanwalpreet Singh,**  
# 101/1, Bhan Singh Colony,  
Faridkot - 151203 (Punjab)

...Appellant

V/s

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Chairman,  
PEPSU Road Transport Corporation,  
Patiala (Punjab)

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Managing Director,  
PEPSU Road Transport  
Corporation, Patiala (Punjab)

...Respondents

## Appeal Case No. 715 of 2019

**Present:** The Appellant, Sh. Harkanwalpreet Singh is absent.  
Sh. Narinder Kumar, Senior Assistant is present on behalf of the  
Respondent/PIO.

### ORDER

This case was last heard on 21.01.2020 with the directions to the Respondent/ PIO to supply the information through registered post after removing the deficiencies, if any, pointed out by the Appellant. Also an opportunity was given to the Appellant and he was advised to go through the requisite information, once he received the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/PIO, Sh. Narinder Kumar states that the information has already been supplied to the Appellant. He further states that no intimation/ deficiencies have been received from the Appellant's side relating to this case.

The Appellant, Sh. Harkanwalpreet Singh is absent but an email dated 23.02.2020 has been received in the Commission in which it has been written that he had sent a letter dated 19.02.2020 to the Respondent/ PIO, mentioning the deficiencies in the information which has been supplied to him. In this email he further request for an adjournment as he would not be able to appear in today's hearing.

In view of above, the Respondent/ PIO is directed to supply the requisite information (after removing the deficiencies) to the Appellant through registered post within a week. The Respondent/PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing along with the postal receipt vide which the information has been sent to the Appellant.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

**The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 29.04.2020 at 11.00 A.M.**

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**Dated: 24.02.2020**

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**Sh. Brichh Bhan**

S/o Sh. Saroop Chand,  
House Number 33,  
Kahangarh Road,  
Patran, Distt. Patiala(Punjab)

...Complainant

V/s.

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

...Respondents

## **Complaint Case No. 557 of 2019**

**Present :** The Complainant, Sh. Brichh Bhan is present.  
None is present on behalf of the Respondent/ PIO.

### **ORDER**

This case may be read with the reference with the previous order 06.01.2020.

In today's hearing, the Complainant states that no information has been supplied to him till date.

None is present on behalf of Respondent/ PIO but an email dated 24.02.2020 has been received in the Commission vide which they had requested for an adjournment due to PIO's ill health. In this email a copy of letter number 6996 dated 24.02.2020 has been attached in which they had mentioned that the information which has been requested by the Appellant is voluminous in nature and it also relates with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party, which is taken on record.

After discussing with the Complainant, it is found that the complainant has not exhausted the channel of approaching First Appellate Authority under Section 19 of the RTI Act and the Show cause notice which has been issued to the PIO on 31.10.2019 be **dropped.**

**Hence, the instant complaint case is remanded to First Appellate Authority of office of The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur** with the directions to decide the case as per provisions of the RTI Act, after giving due opportunity to the parties concerned, examining the evidences, documents placed on record/submitted by the parties concerned and subsequently pass a order within forty five days from the receipt of this order. A copy of the RTI request of the complainant be also enclosed with this order for ready reference of First Appellate Authority, who will treat it as first appeal. **If the complainant would not be satisfied with the decision (which would be announced) by the First Appellate Authority, he is free to approach the Commission by way of second appeal after the decision of the First Appellate Authority.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 24.02.2020**

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State Information Commissioner  
Punjab**

**(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority,  
O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority, Sangrur.  
{Encl. RTI Application}**

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

...Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Amritsar -143001(Punjab)

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

... Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 2147 of 2019**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present.  
Sh. Tarjit Pal Singh, Data Entry Operator is present on behalf of the  
Respondent/ PIO.

### **ORDER**

This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 06.01.2020.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Tarjit Singh states that the information has been supplied to the Appellant. He further submits a copy of letter number 5442 dated 31.12.2019 to the Court, which is taken on record.

On this, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that he is satisfied with the supplied information and further submits an acknowledgement receipt dated 24.02.2020 relating to this case.

In view of above, as the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information and the show cause notice which was issued to the concerned PIO on 30.10.2019 be **dropped**. So, no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

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

...Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Ludhiana (141001)

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

... Respondents

## **Appeal Case No. 2148 of 2019**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present.  
Sh. Devinder Singh, Clerk is present on behalf of the Respondent/  
PIO.

### **ORDER**

This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 06.01.2020.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Devinder Singh handed over the information to the Appellant during the proceedings of the Court. He further submits a letter number 470 dated 11.04.2019 to the Court, which is taken on record.

On this, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that he is satisfied with the supplied information and further submits an acknowledgement receipt dated 24.02.2020 relating to this case.

In view of above, as the Appellant is satisfied with the supplied information. So, no further intervention is required in this case.

**This case is disposed of and closed.**

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**Sh. Jasbir Singh,**  
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P. O.- Ramgarh,  
Distt. Ludhiana -123455(Punjab)

...**Appellant**

**V/s.**

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

**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. 2156 of 2019**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present.  
Sh. Sandeep, Supervisor from O/o RTA, Patiala along with  
Sh. Piara Singh, PIO from O/o STC, Punjab, Chandigarh is present.

### **ORDER**

This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 06.01.2020.

In today's hearing, the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Sandeep has a point wise discussion about this case during the proceedings of the Court and further requests for an adjournment relating to this case. He further submits a letter number 8211 dated 18.08.2019 to the Court, which is taken on record.

The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that no information has been supplied to him.

In view of above, the Respondent/ PIO is directed to supply the requisite information to the Appellant through registered post. The Respondent/PIO is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing along with the postal receipt vide which the information has been sent to the Appellant.

The Appellant is advised to go through the requisite information, once he receives the same from the Respondent/PIO and point out deficiencies in written, if any, to the Respondent/PIO through registered post, with a copy to the Commission, failing which the case will be decided on merits. The Appellant is further advised to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

**The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 29.04.2020 at 11.00 A.M.**

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**Dated: 24.02.2020**

Sd/-  
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**Bench: Sh. Sanjiv Garg, State Information Commissioner, Punjab**



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

**...Appellant**

**V/s.**

**{Regd. Post} Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Transport, Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

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

**First Appellate Authority,**  
O/o The Principal Secretary  
to Government of Punjab,  
Department of Transport, Punjab,  
Pb. Mini Sectt., Sector 9, Chandigarh.

**... Respondents**

**Appeal Case No. 2160 of 2019**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present.  
Sh. Amandeep Singh, Clerk along with  
Sh. Piara Singh, PIO-cum Assistant Transport Officer from O/o STC,  
Punjab, Chandigarh is present.

**ORDER**

In the first hearing, i.e. on 30.10.2019, no information was received by the Appellant and on this the APIO, Sh. Gural Singh stated that the requisite information be sought by the PIO O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana and on the same hearing, the PIO O/o The Secretary, RTA, Ludhiana was impleaded as a party and a copy of the same order was sent to them through registered post.

On the second hearing i.e. 06.01.2020, Sh. Piara Singh, ATO –cum – PIO was present and nobody was present from the O/o The Secretary, RTA, Ludhiana. In view of that, a show cause notice was issued to the concerned party i.e. PIO O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana and a copy of the order was sent to them through registered post. In the same order it was clearly written that:

***“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.”***

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Despite this, the PIO, O/o the Secretary RTA, Ludhiana is again absent in today's hearing i.e. 24.02.2020 and the representative of the Respondent/ PIO, Sh. Amardeep Singh, Clerk, is present today, without any authority letter, which is unacceptable. Also, he does not submit/ files any reply in connection to the Show Cause Notice which was issued to the concerned PIO on the previous hearing i.e. 06.01.2020.

On coming to the information, Sh. Amardeep Singh submits a copy of letter number 11753 dated 07.02.2020 to the Appellant as well as to the Court, which is taken on record. In the letter, it is written that they are following the rules of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 or now called Motor Vehicle (Amendment) Act, 2019 but it does not clarify that what action has been taken by the department on the letter number ਪਿ: ਅੰ: ਨੰ: 2/04/2019 ਸਿ: ਨਿ: /1394060 dated 15/01/2019 which was submitted to the department by the Appellant, which is taken on record and therefore, the Appellant is not satisfied with the same.

Commission takes a very serious view of this casual approach as well as the fact that despite the show cause notice to the PIO and he is still absent today. Also, he does not submit/ files any reply in connection to the Show Cause Notice.

**In view of all the above and finding guilty of violation under Section 20 (1) as per provisions of the RTI Act and making delay in supplying the requisite information to the information-seeker, a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) is imposed upon Public Information Officer, O/o The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana which is to be deposited into the Treasury and a copy of challan receipt be submitted to the Commission on the next date of hearing positively, failing which further action would be taken against the PIO.**

**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

Further, the PIO is directed to appear in person with the requisite information along with the challan receipt. The Appellant is further directed to appear in person or through any of his representative on the next date of hearing.

**The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 29.04.2020 at 11.00 A.M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

Dated: 24.02.2020

Sd/-  
(Sanjiv Garg)  
State Information Commissioner  
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...Appellant

V/s.

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

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 2149 of 2019**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh is present.  
None is present on behalf of the Respondent/ PIO.

**ORDER:-**

In the previous hearing, 06.01.2020 the Appellant was directed to deposit the remaining fees i.e. Rs.1020/- against the information which has been sought by him through his RTI Application.

In today's hearing, the Appellant, Sh. Jasbir Singh states that the amount / fees which have been asked by the Department is after the stipulated time.

After going through the letter number 460 dated 22.03.2019 and another letter number 895 dated 08.05.2019, the fees which has been asked by the Department against the requisite information is under stipulated time and the Appellant has to deposit the same for getting the information. This same thing had already been discussed in the previous order dated 06.01.2020.

None is present on behalf of Respondent/ PIO.

In view of above, last opportunity is given to the Appellant and he is further directed to deposit the fees for the requisite information within a week failing which it will be presumed that the Appellant does not wants/ need the information anymore and the case will be decided on merits.

The Respondent/ PIO is further directed to supply the information to the Appellant after collecting the requisite fees from the Appellant against the information.

Both the parties are further directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing positively

**The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 29.04.2020 at 11.00 A.M.**

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Dated: 24.02.2020

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Distt. Mohali (140301) Pb.

....Appellant

V/s.

**Public Information Officer,**  
O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Bathinda. (Pb.)

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

...Respondents

**Appeal Case No. 1061 of 2019**

**Present :** The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh is present.  
Sh. Bhupinder Singh, PIO cum Assistant Transport Officer is present.

**ORDER:-**

This order may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 21.01.2020.

In today's hearing, i.e 24.02.2020, the Appellant states that incomplete information has been supplied to him. He further states that he had received the contradictory information vide letter number 1834 dated 11.07.2019 and vide letter number 3864 dated 09.09.2019, which is taken on record and relating to point number 2, 3 and 4 information is still pending.

The PIO, Sh. Bhupinder Singh is present in today's hearing and he did not make any submission regarding the facts of this case.

The Appellant, Sh. Manjinder Singh submits an order dated 17.01.2020 passed by Hon'ble Justice, Sh. B.S. Walia in CWP No. 1326 of 2020 in which it is written that the Penalty of Rs. 2500/- imposed upon the concerned PIO is to be kept in abeyance. Hence, PIO need not to deposit the penalty amount in the treasury till further orders. In CWP No. 1326 of 2020, it has been observed that no direction has been given with regard to the information which has to be supplied by the Respondent/ PIO to the Appellant.

In view of above, PIO is directed to provide requisite information to the Appellant through registered post before the next date of hearing and he is further directed to appear in person along with the postal receipt through which the information has been sent to the Appellant, on the next date of hearing.

The Appellant is further directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing.

**The case is adjourned to next date of hearing which is fixed for 29.04.2020 at 11.00 A.M.**

Copies of the orders be sent to the parties.

**Dated: 24.02.2020**

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