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Shri Rohit Sabharwal  
Kundan Bhawan,  
#126, Model Gram,  
Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2049 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, on behalf of the Appellant**  
(ii) **Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, M.C. Zone-A, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through video Conferencing)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant.
3. Shri Ajay Kumar, Building Inspector, Municipal Corporation, Zone-A, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO. He reiterates the statement as made on the previous hearing dated 13.10.2020 regarding the supply of information to the appellant.
4. Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, states that she had pointed out certain deficiencies in the information supplied and the Hon'ble Bench had directed the PIO to call the appellant to inspect the official records. She further states that no opportunity was given by the PIO to the appellant to inspect the official records.
5. Post deliberations, the PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office to allow the appellant access to the relevant official records/documents. On inspection of the records, the appellant will identify the information desired as per RTI application and the information so identified will be provided by the PIO to the appellant before the next hearing.

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6. After supplying the information, the PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, as per directions given on the previous hearing. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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**First Appellate Authority**  
O/o Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2053 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, on behalf of the Appellant**  
(ii) **Shri Rashpal Singh, Junior Engineer, M.C. Zone-C, Ludhiana,**  
**on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through video Conferencing)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the appellant.
3. Shri Rashpal Singh, Junior Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Zone-C, Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. on behalf of the PIO. He states that the information has been supplied to the appellant.
4. On the asking of the Bench, Ms. Sukhjinder Kaur, Advocate, representative of the appellant states that she had pointed out deficiencies in the information supplied vide letter dated 05.10.2020. Whereas the appellant has received information from the PIOs of Zone-B, Zone-C and Zone-D, but the PIO, Zone-A has not responded in this regard.
5. Post deliberations, the PIO's of all the Zones i.e. Zone A, B, C & D are directed to come present before the Bench on the next hearing along with all the relevant official records.



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**AC No.2053/2020**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Versus

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O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Faridkot.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority,  
Faridkot.

....Respondents

**AC No.2014 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant**  
(ii) **Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk O/o R.T.A. Faridkot, on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He reiterates the statement made during the previous hearing that information has been supplied vide letter dated 04.09.2020.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant observes that information supplied is unsatisfactory. He states that on point No.1 of his RTI application, the reply has been given that the same does not relate to their office. Regarding Point No.2, the information has been stated to be third party. He contends that the information relates to the PIO and further states that if the information is available on website of department, then Link to access it be provided.
5. The Bench, on examining the RTI application / information supplied, over-rules the contention of the PIO and directs the PIO to supply certified copy of the entire information to the appellant before the next hearing.



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**AC No.2014/2020**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation  
Ludhiana.

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o The Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Ludhiana.

....Respondents

**AC No.2016 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant**  
(ii) **Shri Manga Singh, Clerk M.C. Zone-B, Ludhiana, on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Shri Manga Singh, Clerk O/o Zone-B, M.C. Ludhiana comes present to attend the hearing on behalf of the PIO. He states that information has been given by hand to the appellant vide letter dated 25.11.2020.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that the Information has been received, but the copies of pollution certificates of the vehicles have not been supplied as requested at Point 1( C) of the RTI application. On enquiring from the representative of PIO, he states that no pollution certificates have been got issued in respect of motor vehicles of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
5. Post deliberations, the Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office on 15.03.2021 at 11.30 AM and allow him access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspection of the official records, will identify the information required by him and the same will be provided by the PIO to the appellant before the next hearing.

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6. The PIO is further directed to file an affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the information as available in the official records in AC No.2016/2020 has been supplied to the appellant. It be further stated that as regards information on Point 1(C), no pollution certificates have been got issued by the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana in respect of its vehicles. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

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

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**

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

....Respondents

**AC No.2018 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant**  
(ii) **Smt. Kulwinder Kaur/PIO, O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Sector-17,  
Chandigarh, in person before the Bench.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through video Conferencing)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, PIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab comes present in person before the Bench at Chandigarh. She states that the information has been supplied to the appellant on 16.06.2020, 05.10.2020 and then on 07.01.2021.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan states that he has received the information. He is satisfied with the information supplied on Points No.1,2,3 & 5 of his RTI Application. As regards Point No.4, it has been denied to him stating it to be third party information. He further states that action taken report on the complaints received against the employees mentioned therein in the RTI application, particularly in respect of Shri Rohit Sood during his posting in R.T.A. Office, Ludhiana, be also supplied.
5. Post deliberations and on examining the RTI Application, the Bench over rules the contention of the PIO and directs that the information on Point No.4 be supplied to the appellant before the next hearing. However, it is made clear to the appellant that as per his RTI application, no action taken report on the complaints has been asked for and hence, no direction can be given to supply the same. However, the copy of complaints will be made available.



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**AC No.2018/2020**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

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O/o The Secretary,  
Regional Transport Authority,  
Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority,  
Mohali.

....Respondents

**AC No.2019 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Satnam Singh, appellant**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through Video Conferencing)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that he is not satisfied with the information supplied to him vide letter dated 03.11.2020 and the same is also not attested by the PIO.
3. Neither the PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Mohali has come present to attend the hearing through V.C. nor he has deputed any of his representatives to attend the hearing. The Bench observes that the PIO was absent on the previous hearing also. This amounts to adoption of casual approach towards the directions of the Bench. This indifferent attitude of the PIO is viewed adversely.
4. The PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Mohali is issued show cause notice to explain his absence and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for non-compliance of the directions given by the Bench during the previous hearing in its entirety. 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.



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**AC No.2019/2020**

5. 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.

6. The PIO is directed to supply certified copy of the information relating to all the points of RTI application to the appellant before the next hearing and also to ensure to come present before the Bench in person on the next hearing.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh.

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

....Respondents

**AC No.2020 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant**  
(ii) **Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, PIO, O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh, in person before the Bench.**

**ORDER:**

**Heard through video Conferencing**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Satnam Singh Dhawan, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C.
3. Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, PIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab comes present in person before the Bench at Chandigarh. She states that the requisite information has been sent to the appellant on 29.01.2021 and has also been sent by e.mail to the appellant today.
4. On the asking of the Bench, the appellant states that the information on points No.1 to 8 of his RTI application has been received by him and that information on Points No.9 & 10 is still pending.
5. The PIO is directed to supply hard copy of the complete information, duly attested by the PIO, to the appellant by registered post, before the next hearing.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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.....Appellant

Versus

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

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

....Respondents

**AC No.2026 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Navpreet Singh, appellant**  
(ii) **Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, PIO, O/o S.T.C. Punjab, Sector-17, Chandigarh, in person before the Bench.**

**ORDER:**

**(Heard through video Conferencing)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. The case has been heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. Shri Navpreet Singh, appellant comes present to attend the hearing through V.C. He states that no reply to his RTI application has been received by him so far.
3. Smt. Kulwinder Kaur, PIO O/o S.T.C. Punjab comes present in person before the Bench at Chandigarh. She states that the requisite information has been sent to the appellant on 09.02.2021 and also by e.mail on 23.02.2021.
4. The Bench, post deliberations on the case, directs the PIO to again supply information duly attested by the PIO, to the appellant again, by registered post today itself.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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S/o Shri Wazir Chand,  
R/o H.No.36, Gali No.3,  
Rishi Vihar, Majitha Road,  
Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Amritsar.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o Secretary, Regional  
Transport Authority, Amritsar.

....Respondents

**AC No.1985 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Rajiv Kumar Arora, appellant.**  
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Contacted on mobile phone)**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.10.2020 passed by this Bench on the previous hearing.
2. Due to technical glitch in connectivity through Video Conferencing facility at the office of D.C. Amritsar end, the hearing could not be held through V.C.
3. The PIO could not be contacted through V.C. However, a letter dated 10.11.2020 from the PIO is available in the case file stating that the appellant was called to their office on 06.11.2020 for inspection of the official records as per directions of the Bench, but the appellant did not visit their office.
4. The appellant Shri Rajiv Kumar Arora is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has not received any information. Regarding his visit to the office of PIO, he states that his father is admitted in hospital and he could not visit the office of PIO to inspect the official records.
5. The Bench again directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office by tying up with him and allow the appellant access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspecting the records, will identify the information as per his RTI application. The same will be provided by the PIO to the appellant before the next hearing.



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**AC No.1985/2020**

6. After supply of information to the appellant, the PIO is also directed to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, as per directions given on the previous hearing. Original copy of the affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

7. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Batala Road, Amritsar.

.....Appellant

Versus

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

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o Commissioner,  
Municipal Corporation,  
Amritsar.

....Respondents

**AC No.2971 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Om Parkash Yadav, appellant.**  
(ii) **None on behalf of PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Contacted on mobile phone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 10.07.2020 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 17.08.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 07.10.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 08.12.2020 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Amritsar.
3. Due to technical glitch in connectivity at the office of D.C. Amritsar end, the hearing could not be held through V.C.
4. The appellant Shri Om Parkash Yadav is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has not received any information.
5. The Bench directs the PIO to call the appellant to his office by tying up with him and allow the appellant access to the relevant official records. The appellant, after inspecting the records, will identify the information as per his RTI application. The information so identified by the appellant will be provided by the PIO before the next hearing.



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**AC No.2971/2020**

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

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Versus

**Public Information Officer**  
O/o Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Mohali.

**First Appellate Authority-cum-**  
O/o Sr. Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Patiala.

....Respondents

**AC No.3767 of 2020**

**Present:** (i) **Shri Kawaljeet Singh, appellant.**  
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

**ORDER:**

**(Contacted on mobile phone)**

1. The RTI application is dated 18.05.2020 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 24.07.2020 and the second appeal was filed in the Commission on 26.11.2020 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 24.02.2021 by the Commission through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Mohali.
3. Due to technical glitch in connectivity through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Mohali, the hearing could not be held through V.C.
4. The appellant Shri Kawaljit Singh is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has not received any information.
5. The PIO O/o Pollution Control Board, Mohali is directed to supply the requisite information to the appellant before the next hearing as also to ensure to come present before the Bench in person along with all the relevant records on the next hearing.

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6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 17.05.2021 at 11.30 AM before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh  
24.02.2021**

**Sd/-  
(Lt Gen Ajae Kumar Sharma,(Retd))  
State Information Commissioner, Punjab**