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(Regd. Post) **Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma (9855890233)**  
C/o New Sharma Furniture House,  
Partap Bazar, Chheharta  
Distt. Amritsar 143105

Appellant

Versus

(Regd. Post) **Public Information Officer (By Name)**  
O/o Punjab Bus Metro Society, Verka By-pass,  
Amritsar

## First Appellate Authority

O/o Punjab Bus Metro Society, Verka By-pass,  
Amritsar

Respondent

**Appeal Case No: 2953 of 2021**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

Present: Appellant- Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma (through telephone call).  
Respondent – Sh. Simranjot Singh (Project Manager, M: 9780093500)

## Order:

1. The RTI application is dated 10.02.2021 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 22.03.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 29.06.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 24.03.2022 at 11.30 a.m. i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Simranjot Singh states that the information sought by the appellant could not be supplied to the appellant as it relate with the private agencies which are exempted from RTI Act, 2005. He adds that this organization does not fall under the RTI Act, 2 (h) as per the decision of Supreme Court in CWP No. 9017 of 2013. He also adds that a reply in this regard has already been sent to the Commission, which was received vide diary no. 4296 dated 03.03.2022 and taken on record.
3. Appellant was not present during the hearing of this case. He contacted the Commission immediately after leaving the CISCO Meeting by the respondent and states that he was unable to attend today's hearing. He mentions that he is not satisfied with the supplied reply by the respondent PIO and requests for an adjournment to represent this case.
4. After examining the documents placed on record, it is observed that appellant demanded the information on the following points

**ਵਿਸ਼ਾ :- ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ 2005 ਤਹਿਤ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲੈਣ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਪੱਤਰ।**

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮਾਨ ਜੀ,

ਬੇਨਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥਕ ਨੂੰ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਆਈ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ 2005 ਤਹਿਤ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਮਿਤੀ 01-01-2020 ਤੋਂ 31-12-2020 ਤੱਕ ਦੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੀ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

1) ਪੰਜਾਬ ਬੱਸ ਮੈਟਰੋ ਸੋਸਾਇਟੀ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਦੇ ਸਕਿਓਰਟੀ ਗਾਰਡਾਂ, ਟਿਕਟ ਕਲੈਕਟਰ, ਡਰਾਈਵਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਹਾਊਸ ਕੀਪਿੰਗ ਅਤੇ ਮੁਲਾਜ਼ਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਿੰਨੀਆਂ ਯੂਨੀਫਾਰਮਾਂ ਉਪਰੇਕਤ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇਰਾਨ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਹਨ। ਉਸਦੀ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

2) ਇਹ ਯੂਨੀਫਾਰਮਾਂ ਕਿਸ ਫਰਮ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸ ਕੰਪਨੀ ਤੋਂ ਖਰੀਦੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਹਨ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

3) ਇਹਨਾਂ ਫਰਮਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਕੰਪਨੀ ਤੋਂ ਉਪਰੇਕਤ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇਰਾਨ ਜੋ ਯੂਨੀਫਾਰਮਾਂ ਖਰੀਦੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਹਨ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਬਿੱਲਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ।

4) ਉਪਰੇਕਤ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇਰਾਨ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਫਰਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕੁਲ ਕਿੰਨੀ ਪੈਮੇਂਟ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਉਸਦੀ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

5) ਇਹ ਯੂਨੀਫਾਰਮਾਂ ਖਰੀਦਣ ਲਈ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕਿੰਨਾ ਫੰਡ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਉਸਦੀ ਤਸਦੀਕਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

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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 **20.04.2022 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: 24.03.2022 (11:30 A.M.)**

**(Anumit Singh Sodhi)**  
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**Sh. Sant Kumar Gogna (9814505555)**

B-1-171, Guru Nanak Pura,  
Civil Lines,  
Ludhiana-1.

Appellant

Versus

**Public Information Officer**

O/o Distt. Transport Office,  
Ludhiana

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Regional Transport Authority,  
Ludhiana

Respondent

**Appeal Case No: 3011 of 2021**

**Notice of Hearing through**

Present: Appellant- Sh. Sant Kumar Gogna

Respondent – Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, PIO (9520800001)

**Order:**

1. The RTI application is dated 10.01.2021 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 22.03.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 01.07.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 24.03.2022 at 11.30 a.m. i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing both the appellant and respondent are present.
3. The appellant states that information is pending with point no.2 of the RTI application.
4. On this, respondent requests the Commission that he is ready to provide the information and further requests to the appellant to visit their office and they will show the record.
5. Inspection of record is fixed for tomorrow i.e. 25.03.2022 in connection with point no. 2 of the RTI application. Both the parties are advised to co-operate on the appellant's visit along with advice to represent this case on the next date of hearing positively. Appellant is advised to intimate the Commission tomorrow regarding information is received or not on his visit.
6. To come up on **05.07.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Sh. Jasveer Singh Sidhu (9417508764)**

Appellant

s/o Sh. Balkar Singh,  
(Crime Reporter (Bathinda),  
Vill. Jogewala, PO Malkana,  
Tehsil Talwandi Saboo,  
Distt. Bathinda 151301.

Versus

**Show-Cause**

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o ADC(D), Bathinda

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o D.C., Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No: 3293 of 2021**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Appellant- Sh. Jasveer Singh Sidhu

Respondent – Absent.

**Order:**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.04.2021 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 07.06.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.07.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 24.03.2022 at 11.30 a.m. i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing positively, which shows his casual attitude towards the Notice of the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o ADC (D), Bathinda** is directed to **show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.  
In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, 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.
5. **Respondent PIO is directed to appear in person in the Punjab State Information Commission Office, Sector-16, Chandigarh on the next date of hearing.**
6. Appellant is on liberty either to represent this case in PSIC Office or through CISCO WEBEX on **26.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Distt. Bathinda 151301.

Versus

**Show-Cause**

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o ADC(D), Bathinda

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o D.C., Bathinda

Respondent

**Appeal Case No: 3291 of 2021**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Appellant- Sh. Jasveer Singh Sidhu

Respondent – Absent.

**Order:**

1. The RTI application is dated 19.04.2021 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 24.05.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.07.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 24.03.2022 at 11.30 a.m. i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing positively, which shows his casual attitude towards the Notice of the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o ADC (D), Bathinda** is directed to **show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.  
In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, 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.
5. **Respondent PIO is directed to appear in person in the Punjab State Information Commission Office, Sector-16, Chandigarh on the next date of hearing.**
6. Appellant is on liberty either to represent this case in PSIC Office or through CISCO WEBEX on **26.04.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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**Sh. Lajpat Rai Garg (9814230616)**

s/o Sh. Harbans Lal,  
Romana Street, Jaito,  
Tehsil Jaito,  
Distt. Faridkot

Appellant

Versus

**Show Cause**

**Public Information Officer (By Name)**

**(Regd. Post)** O/o E.O., Nagar Panchayat, Sardulgarh

**First Appellate Authority**

O/o Regional Director, Urban Local Bodies,  
Ferozepur Cantt.

Respondent

**Appeal Case No: 3286 of 2021**

**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

**Present:** Appellant- Sh. Jasveer Singh Sidhu  
Respondent – Absent.

**Order:**

1. The RTI application is dated 26.04.2021 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 07.06.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 19.07.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 24.03.2022 at 11.30 a.m. i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and states that requisite information is still pending from the respondent PIO.
3. Respondent PIO is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing positively, which shows his casual attitude towards the Notice of the Commission.
4. In view of the foregoing, **respondent PIO, O/o E.O., Nagar Panchayat, Sardulgarh** is directed to **show cause** in writing or through affidavit under Section 20(1) of the RTI Act, as to why penalty be not imposed upon him for willful delay/ denial of the information to the RTI applicant and why the compensation be not awarded to the complainant under Section 19 (8)(b) of the Act for detriment suffered.

In addition to his submission, the PIO is also hereby given an opportunity under Section 20(1) proviso, 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.

5. **Respondent PIO is directed to appear in person in the Punjab State Information Commission Office, Sector-16, Chandigarh on the next date of hearing.**

**Appeal Case No: 3286 of 2021**  
**Heard through CISCO WEBEX**

6. Appellant is on liberty either to represent this case in PSIC Office or through CISCO WEBEX on **05.07.2022 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: 24.03.2022 (11:30 A.M.)**

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

**Note:** Sh. Tarun Kumar, EO(9915445019), Nagar Panchayat, Sardulgarh contacted the undersigned Bench after the hearing was over and he was apprised with the proceedings of the hearing. He intimate that respondent PIO was unable to attend hearing and seeks for next date with assurance for supply of information.

**Dated: 24.03.2022**

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