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Sh. Jagjit Singh (RTI Activist) (9914248131)

R/o Aman Nagar, Street No.3,
Backside Green Land School,
Near Jalandhar Bye Pass
Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Barnala

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Barnala

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 641 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

(i) Appellant: Sh. Jagjit Singh

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Yash Pal Sharma, PIO (94648807887)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 20.7.2021 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 3.9.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.1.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 24.5.2022 through CISCO WEBEX application.
3. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
4. The respondent states that the reply received from the concerned office has already been provided by post on 17.8.2021 to the appellant within time. He adds that first appeal was not filed with the First Appellate Authority by the appellant.
5. On this, appellant denies receiving of the information and states that Form No.24 is still pending from the respondent PIO.
6. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that first appeal filed to the FAA on 03.09.2021 as per the Case file. Respondent PIO is directed to collect the form no. 24 from the concerned office and supply the same to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order, with a copy to the Commission.
7. With aforesaid directions, no further cause of action is required in this case. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Ludhiana

Appellant

Encl. Form no. 24 (from email dated 23.05.2022)

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Gurdaspur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Gurdaspur

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 642 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Sh. Jagjit Singh
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Gurpreet Singh (Clerk)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 20.7.2021 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 3.9.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.1.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 24.5.2022 through CISCO WEBEX application.
3. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
4. The respondent states that the form no. 24 has already been provided by post on 10.11.2021 and 07.04.2022. He adds that a copy of the same is sent to the undersigned Bench dated 23.05.2022, which is received and taken on record.
5. Appellant denies receiving of the information and states that Form No.24 is still pending from the respondent PIO.
6. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, it is observed that submitted information dated 07.04.2022 is sufficient and respondent PIO is directed to send the form no. 24 to the appellant today via whatsapp as appellant requests the Commission.

A copy of this order along with form no. 24 as per the case file be sent to the appellant by name through registered post, which is received from the respondent PIO via an email dated 23.05.2022.

7. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required in this case. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Sh. Sukhdarshan Kumar (8699308584)

H.No.MCB-Z-2-7963,
Street No.22, Ajit Road,
Bathinda

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o SDM, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o D.C., Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 561 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

(i) Appellant-absent

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Veer Inder Pal Singh (Superintendent) (8054007525)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 18.3.2021 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 27.8.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 24.1.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 24.5.2022 through CISCO WEBEX application.
3. In today's hearing, respondent is present and states that reply has already been sent to the appellant within time vide letter numbers: 27 (20.04.2021), 28(13.07.2021) and 34(27.09.2021).
4. Neither the appellant is present nor did he file reply in this regard in spite of registered notice sent to him by the Commission, as there is no communication is received from him. Calls were made to him regarding today's hearing but his mobile number was continuously sounding 'not reachable'.
5. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required in this case. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Sh. Bittu (9872455496)

s/o Sh. Om Kumar,
Vill. Bolapur, Jhabewal,
PO Ramgarh,
Distt. Ludhiana 141123.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o State Transport Commissioner Pb.,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 701 of 2022
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant-absent
(ii) For the respondent: Ms. Kulwinder kaur, PIO

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 18.3.2021 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 26.11.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 4.2.2022 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 24.5.2022 through CISCO WEBEX application.
3. In today's hearing, respondent is present and states that information has already been supplied to the appellant and no deficiency has been pointed out by him till date.
4. Appellant is not present but a letter dated 25.02.2022 and an email dated 22.05.2022 is received from the appellant stating therein that requisite information is still pending even after 12 months. Both (letter and email) are taken on record.
5. After hearing the respondent and examining the case file, it is observed that no communication is received from the respondent PIO regarding supply of information as per the case file.

It is also noticed that the present appeal case is filed against the Complaint Case no. 519 of 2021 which was remanded back to the First Appellate Authority vide orders of the Commission 21.10.2021, which means respondent no. 1 and 2 is not supplying reply/information on time even after the directions of the Commission time and again. Due to this, appellant approached the Commission again by the way of second appeal.

It is also observed that respondent PIO did not bother to treat the remanded case on priority, which is sheer wastage of precious time and resources of the Commission, appellant as well as of the public authority itself. It also affects the disposal of the cases, which means respondent PIO is not serious about the notices and orders of the Commission.

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Through CISCO WEBEX

6. A final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to furnish the complete information to the appellant within seven days after receipt of this order with a copy to the Commission via post/email.
7. A copy of this order be sent to the respondent PIO, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur by name through registered post for the compliance of this order.
8. Appellant is on liberty to approach the Commission, if he does not receive the said information as per para 6 of this order.
9. With aforesaid directions, no further cause of action is required in this case. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Dated: 24.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab

(Regd. Post) **Ms. Kulwinder Kaur (PIO)**
O/o State Transport Commissioner Pb.,
Chandigarh

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Sh. Tejinder Singh (9041004313)

Civil Court Complex,
Backside Sanjh Kender
Phillaur 144410

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Principal Secy.,
Transport Dept. Punjab,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Principal Secy.,
Transport Dept. Punjab,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4388 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Appellant: Absent
(ii) For the respondent: Ms. Kulwinder Kaur (PIO)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 12.05.2021 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 23.08.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 24.05.2022 i.e. today.
3. In today's hearing, respondent, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur states that reply in connection with RTI application has already been sent to the appellant twice on 17.02.2022 and 09.05.2022 through post and email. She adds that reply along with copy of supplied reply to the Commission vide office letter no. 7961 dated 04.05.2022 which is received vide diary no. 9983 dated 12.05.2022.
4. Appellant is not present for today's hearing but an email dated 23.05.2022 is received stating therein that he is unable to attend today's hearing but he has not mentioned anything regarding discrepancy in the supplied reply/information, which means he has nothing to say in this regard.
5. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required in this case. Therefore, the instant case is **disposed of**. Copies of this decision be sent to the parties

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Sh. Jagshir Singh(7814778415)

S/o Sh. Kartar Singh

Tehsill Nihal Singh Wala,

Distt. Moga..

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o General Manager,

PRTC, Bathinda

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 129 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) None on behalf of the complainant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sita Ram (Superintendent) (9417092193).

Order

1. This order may be read with the previous order dated 13.04.2022 respondent, Sh. Sita Ram stated that reply has already been sent to the complainant on 20.12.2021. Nothing else is pending to be supplied. Complainant was absent continuously the second time despite being aware about this case. A final opportunity was given to him to represent this case in either in person at PSIC office or through CISCO WBEX to clear the facts, failing which case will be closed. Matter was adjourned for further hearing on 24.05.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Sita Ram states that complainant was not on the pay-roll of the department and reply in this regard had already been supplied to the complainant.
3. Complainant is absent third time in spite of being aware about the date of hearing. He was also absent on the previous hearings held on 13.07.2021 and 13.05.2022.
4. Post deliberations with the respondent and as per the case file, the PIO is directed to file an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper, within 21 (twenty one) days, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the complainant was not on pay-roll of the respondent department as per the official records. It be further stated that nothing has been concealed therein and the statement made is true and correct. Original affidavit be sent to the complainant and copy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.
5. With the aforesaid directions, the instant complaint case is **disposed off and closed**. Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Sh. Parminder Singh (9814133054)

House No. 14300,
Punjabi Bagh, Tibba Road,
Ludhiana

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Ludhiana

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 4170 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present: (i) Appellant: Absent.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sukhjinder Singh (PIO)

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 15.03.2021 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 12.03.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 14.09.2021 under Section 19 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing for 24.5.2022 through CISCO WEBEX application.
3. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Sukhjinder Singh states that information was sent to the appellant on 27.12.2021 and no deficiency has been pointed out by the appellant till date.
4. Appellant is absent despite being aware about the date of hearing.
5. After examining the case file, it is observed that after filing case in the Commission on 14.09.2021, no communication is received from the appellant, which means he has nothing to say in this regard.
6. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required in this case. Therefore, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Punjab

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Sh. Gulshan Kumar (7888456698)

S/o Sh. Devi Dayal, Village Harna,
District Fatehagrh Sahib

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Pb. Home Guards Head Office, Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 1175 of 2021

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

(i) Complainant: Sh. Gulshan Kumar

(ii) For the respondent: Ms. Malkit Kaur (JSO-Admn) (8557951490) along with Sh. Manish

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 22.07.2021 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 24.09.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 24.05.2022 through CISCO Webex application.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are present and complainant states that he does not want to pursue this case and he is withdrawing the present case. He further adds that he has already been sent an email dated 12.01.2022 in this regard, which is received by the undersigned Bench and taken on record.
4. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required in this case. Therefore, this instant complaint case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Sh. Gulshan Kumar (7888456698)

S/o Sh. Devi Dayal, Village Harna,
District Fatehagrh Sahib

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Pb. Home Guards Head Office, Pb.,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 1176 of 2021

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

(i) Complainant: Sh. Gulshan Kumar

(ii) For the respondent: Ms. Malkit Kaur (JSO-Admn) (8557951490) along with Sh. Manish

ORDER

1. The RTI application is dated 16.07.2021 whereby the information-seeker has sought information as mentioned in his RTI application. He filed complaint in the Commission on 24.09.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act).
2. Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for 24.05.2022 through CISCO Webex application.
3. In today's hearing, both the parties are present and complainant states that he does not want to pursue this case and he is withdrawing the present case. He further adds that he has already been sent an email dated 12.01.2022 in this regard, which is received by the undersigned Bench and taken on record.
4. In wake of above, no further cause of action is required in this case. Therefore, this instant complaint case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Appellant

Sh. Tejinder Singh (9041004313)

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

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o MC, Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Commissioner,
MC, Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 3751 of 2021

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

(i) Nobody on behalf of the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent:

Sh. Sandeep Kataria (Chief Sanitary Inspector)

Sh. Raj Singh

Sh. Deepak (Clerk).

ORDER

1. The above mentioned case was earlier fixed for hearing on 10.03.2022, which was not heard and fixed for today i.e. 24.05.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant is not present but an email dated 23.05.2022 is received from him mentioning therein that he is unable to attend today's hearing. This email is taken on record.
3. Respondents' present for today state that whatever points were related with them had already been supplied to the appellant via registered post.
4. After discussing with respondents and examining the case file, it is observed that appellant has not mentioned anything regarding information in the email sent to the undersigned Bench on 23.05.2022.
5. The Bench, as per observations made above, is of the view that the appellant cannot seek information on single RTI application from multiple public authorities. A Full Bench of State Information Commission, Punjab has in Complaint Case No.2903 of 2011 decided on 13.01.2012, ruled as under:-

"We hold that under Section (3) of the Act *ibid*, the legal obligation of a PIO who receives a request for information under Section 6(1) of the Act is limited to transfer this request to only one public authority that hold the information. This obligation does not extend to transfer the request to multiple authorities.

The Bench advises the appellant to go for seeking information by filing separate RTI application before a specific public authority who has its separate PIO.

6. Despite of multiple PIOs in the present case sufficient information had already been supplied to the appellant. Therefore, no further cause of action is required in this case. Hence, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Sh. TejinderSingh, Advocate (9041004313)

Tehsil Complex, Backside SanjhKendeer,

Phillaur-144410.

Samana, District Patiala-147101

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy. Regional Transport Authority,

Sangrur

First Appellate Authority

O/Secy. Regional Transport Authority,

Sangrur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 404 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Nobody on behalf of the appellant

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Ravinder Sharma (PIO).

Order:

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order dated 19.04.2022 vide which appellant Sh. Tejinder Singh stated that demanded information is still pending as sufficient time has gone in vain. He also pleaded for penalty on the respondent department.

Respondent, Sh. Ravinder Sharma, PIO stated that earlier PIO, Sh. Karanbir Singh Cheena was transferred in November 2021. He requested for an adjournment.

After hearing the respondent, the Commission while taking a serious view that ample time approximately more than 07 months has elapsed but respondent PIO did not bother to pay the heed towards the Orders of the Commission. He was directed to supply the information within 7 days to the appellant under intimation to the Commission from today itself.

A show cause was issued to him by name 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.

2. In today's hearing, respondent, Sh. Ravinder states that information is received by the appellant and he is satisfied with the supplied information. A copy of reply dated vide letter no. 1335 dated 11.05.2022 along with acknowledgement signed by appellant dated 22.04.2022 via an email dated 12.05.2022 is sent to the undersigned bench, which is received and taken on record.

Appeal Case No.: 404 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

3. Appellant is not present for today's hearing but an email dated 23.05.2022 is received stating therein that he is unable to attend today's hearing.
4. After examining the case file, it is observed that complete information has been received by the appellant on his visit to the respondent's office on 22.04.2022, so show cause notice which was issued to him is dropped. Therefore, no further cause of action is required in this case. Hence, this instant appeal case is **disposed of & closed**. Copy of the order be sent to the parties

Dated: 24.05.2022

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Punjab

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Sh. Himanshu Raj (9988200001)

102, Sector-10-A,
Chandigarh

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb,
Chandigarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb,
Chandigarh

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2551 of 2021

Heard through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Ms. Sapna on behalf of the appellant.

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Kulwinder Kaur (PIO) at PSIC Office, Chandigarh.

ORDER:

1. The above mentioned case was earlier heard on 19.05.2022 vide which both the parties were present. Representative of the appellant, Ms. Sapna stated that judgments as per previous orders of the Commission had already been sent to the Commission, which was received vide diary no. 9894 dated 11.05.2022 and taken on record.

Respondent PIO, Ms. Kulwinder kaur was directed to appear in person at PSIC Office, Chandigarh along with official record, on the next date of hearing i.e. 24.05.2022.

Ms. Sapna requested for an exemption on the plea that now the decision is pending in lieu of providing false/wrong affidavit and in this regard judgments had already reached and received by the undersigned Bench.

Request of the representative of the appellant was granted; appellant was exempted from hearings till further order.

2. In today's hearing, respondent, Ms. Kulwinder Kaur states that whatever information was in the official record had already been supplied to the appellant along with affidavits. She explained that time and again reply/information/affidavits were supplied to the appellant which are as under:

- 02.11.2021-29 pages.
- 16.01.2021-08 pages.
- 18.11.2021- (99 pages+ 524 pages-in connection with fancy numbers).
- 29.11.2021-01 page.
- 06.04.2022-02 pages
- 15.05.2022-04 pages.
- 09.12.2021 and 20.12.2021-two affidavits.

Appeal Case No.: 2551 of 2021
Heard through CISCO WEBEX

3. After discussing with the respondent PIO in detail and examining the case file, I am of the considered view that respondent PIO has provided adequate reply/information/affidavits to the Appellant during the hearings. The Commission is, therefore, of the view that an appropriate response has been provided to the appellant on different dates as respondent PIO explained as per para 2 of this order. I have gone over the queries raised by the applicant, Sh. Himanshu Raj, in his RTI request and the response given by the respondent PIO concerned, I found it satisfactory.
4. The Commission observed that the framework of the [RTI Act](#), 2005 restricts the jurisdiction of the Commission to provide a ruling on the issues pertaining to access/ right to information and to venture into the merits of a case or redressal of grievance. The Commission in a plethora of decision including [Sh. Triveni Prasad Bahuguna vs. LIC of India, Lucknow CIC/DS/A/2012/000906](#) dated 06.09.2012 had held that [RTI Act](#) was not the proper law for redressal of grievances/disputes.
5. In case appellant is not satisfied with the supplied reply/information/affidavit he can approach higher authorities/appropriate forum for his grievances to initiate the matter further. Thus, in the matter in hand, a point wise reply/information as per available records was provided and it cannot be said that the PIO acted consciously and deliberately with intent to deny the information sought by the appellant.
6. The Commission, after perusing the records, observes that an appropriate response has been furnished to the appellant by the respondent. Hence, no further intervention of the Commission is required in the matter.
7. With the above observations, the appeal is **disposed of**.
Copy of the decision be provided free of cost to the parties. Announced in the Court. Copies of this order be sent to the parties.

Dated: 24.05.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab