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Sh. Jasbir Singh, Village Bholapur, Jhabewal, PO Ramgarh, Distt Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Chief Administrator, GLADA, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 299 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Jasbir Singh as the Complainant

Sh.S.K.Bains, PIO-GLADA for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 26.08.2019 has sought information regarding action taken on the implementation of section 4 and its sub-sections A,B,C,D of the RTI Act and other information concerning the office of Chief Administrator, GLADA Ludhiana. The appellant was not satisfied with the reply of the PIO dated 27.09.2019 after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 30.09.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that their entire record is already uploaded on the computer and the reply has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 27.09.2019. The appellant is not satisfied.

The PIO is directed to provide whatever the notification issued, if any, for implementation of section 4 of the RTI Act and the procedure being following. The information be provided within 10 days.

With the above order, the case is **disposed off and closed**.

Chandigarh
Dated 24.06.2020

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Sh. Gaurav Gupta, # 377, Aggar Nagar, Block-A, Ludhiana.

Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o PUDA, Mohali..

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 59 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Ankush for the Complainant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 26.11.2019 has sought information on 39 points regarding Dev Builders & Colonizers Pvt Ltd. Ludhiana – license issued, promoters/directors of the company and other information concerning the office of PUDA Mohali. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed complaint in the Commission on 10.01.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana. The complainant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The representative appeared on behalf of the complainant informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent is absent. Having gone through the file, the Commission observes that the complainant has come to the Commission without going to the First Appellate Authority. The case is hereby remanded back to the First Appellate Authority and the First Appellate Authority is directed to consider this as an appeal and dispose off the same within a period of 30 days as per RTI Act.

The Commission further observes that there has been an enormous delay of more than six months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO-PUDA to explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the written replies.

To come up for further hearing on 15.07.2020 at 11.00 AM.

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Sh. Gaurav Gupta, # 377, Aggar Nagar, Block-A, Ludhiana.

...Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o PUDA, Mohali..

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 57 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Ankush for the Complainant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 26.11.2019 has sought information on 39 points regarding Dev Builders & Colonizers Pvt Ltd. Ludhiana – license issued, promoters/directors of the company and other information concerning the office of PUDA Mohali. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed complaint in the Commission on 10.01.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana. The complainant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The representative appeared on behalf of the complainant informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent is absent. Having gone through the file, the Commission observes that the complainant has come to the Commission without going to the First Appellate Authority. The case is hereby remanded back to the First Appellate Authority and the First Appellate Authority is directed to consider this as an appeal and dispose off the same within a period of 30 days as per RTI Act.

The Commission further observes that there has been an enormous delay of more than six months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO-PUDA **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time.** He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies.

To come up for further hearing on 15.07.2020 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh Dated 24.06.2020 Sd/(Khushwant Singh)
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Sh. Gaurav Gupta, # 377, Aggar Nagar, Block-A, Ludhiana.

...Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o PUDA, Mohali..

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 58 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Ankush for the Complainant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 26.11.2019 has sought information on 38 points regarding Damini Resort & Builders Pvt Ltd. Ludhiana – license issued, promoters/directors of the company and other information concerning the office of PUDA Mohali. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed complaint in the Commission on 10.01.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana. The complainant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The representative appeared on behalf of the complainant informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent is absent. Having gone through the file, the Commission observes that the complainant has come to the Commission without going to the First Appellate Authority. The case is hereby remanded back to the First Appellate Authority and the First Appellate Authority is directed to consider this as an appeal and dispose off the same within a period of 30 days as per RTI Act.

The Commission further observes that there has been an enormous delay of more than six months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO-PUDA to explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the written replies.

To come up for further hearing on 15.07.2020 at 11.00 AM.

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Sh. Gaurav Gupta, # 377, Aggar Nagar, Block-A, Ludhiana.

...Complainant

Vs

Public Information Officer, O/o PUDA, Mohali.

...Respondent

Complaint Case No. 60 of 2020

PRESENT: Sh.Ankush for the Complainant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The complainant through RTI application dated 26.11.2019 has sought information on 38 points regarding Damini Resort & Builders Pvt Ltd. Ludhiana – license issued, promoters/directors of the company and other information concerning the office of PUDA Mohali. The complainant was not provided the information after which the complainant filed complaint in the Commission on 10.01.2020.

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana. The complainant is absent and vide email has sought exemption. The representative appeared on behalf of the complainant informed that the PIO has not provided the information.

The respondent is absent. Having gone through the file, the Commission observes that the complainant has come to the Commission without going to the First Appellate Authority. The case is hereby remanded back to the First Appellate Authority and the First Appellate Authority is directed to consider this as an appeal and dispose off the same within a period of 30 days as per RTI Act.

The Commission further observes that there has been an enormous delay of more than six months in attending to the RTI application. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO-PUDA to explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing along with the written replies.

To come up for further hearing on 15.07.2020 at 11.00 AM.

Chandigarh Dated 24.06.2020 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Sh.Jagmohan Singh, # 334, G.T Road, Salem Tabri, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Sub Registrar (East), Transport Nagar, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o SDM, Ludhiana (East).

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 660 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Jagmohan Singh as the Appellant

Sh.Shiv Kumar, Registry Clerk O/o Tehsildar Ludhiana for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard by Sh.S.S.Channay, Chief Information Commissioner on 27.03.2019. Both the parties were absent. The appellant vide letter dated 27.03.2019 informed that the PIO has not provided the information and the Sub-Registrar is pressurizing him to withdraw the RTI application. The PIO was directed to supply the information to the appellant before the next date of hearing otherwise the Commission will take action under the provisions of the RTI Act.

The case was again heard on 22.08.2019 by this bench. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned. The PIO was directed to comply with the earlier order which still stands and be present on the next date of hearing alongwith the explanation for not attending to the RTI application.

On the next date of hearing which was held on **28.11.2019**, **b**oth the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

The case was last heard on **27.01.2020.** The respondent present pleaded that the appellant has not specified the information regarding point-1 and the information regarding point-2 is 3rd party information. The respondent further informed that the matter has already been discussed in appeal case No.3847 of 2018 which was heard by Ms.Preety Chawla, State Information Commission and disposed off.

Hearing dated 24.06.2020:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The respondent present pleaded that the information has already been supplied to the appellant. The appellant is not satisfied.

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Having gone through the reply and hearing both the parties, the following is concluded:

-	Point-1	-	The respondent says that the sought information is available on
			website of the department and the appellant can get the
			information from the Sewa Kendra by providing specific vasika
			numbers. The appellant is directed to get the information from
			Sewa Kendra by providing particular vasika numbers.

- Point-2 As per respondent, no separate index for registration of agricultural property is prepared and the information is available on the website. The PIO to provide link and assist the appellant in getting the information from the website.
- Point-3 The respondent says that no document is available. The PIO is directed to give this in writing on an affidavit that no such document is available. And If such letter exists, what action has been taken, And in persuasion of the letter received from the Govt of Punjab, if any list has been prepared, it be provided.

The case is adjourned. To come up for further hearing on **17.08.2020 at 01.00 PM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Chandigarh Dated: 24.06.2020 Sd/(Khushwant Singh)
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Sh Manjinder Singh, # 2469, Sunny Enclave, Sec-125, Mohali.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer,

O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office-IV, MC Building, 2nd Floor, Block –C, Gill Road, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office-IV, MC Building, 2nd Floor, Block –C, Gill Road, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3822 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 17.07.2019 has sought information regarding water extraction by dyeing industries in Tajpur Road area, Ludhiana and other information concerning the office of Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office-IV, MC Building, 2nd Floor, Block –C, Gill Road, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 27.08.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was last heard on 19.02.202. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 31.10.2019 and a copy of the same submitted to the Commission. The appellant was not satisfied with the information regarding point-3 and willing to inspect the record and to take relevant information.

The appellant was directed to visit the office of the PIO by fixing a mutually convenient date and time and inspect the record. The PIO was directed to allow the inspection of the record to the appellant and provide the relevant information by charging requisite fee as per the RTI Act.

Hearing dated 24.06.2020:

The respondent is absent. As per letter received from the PIO in the Commission on 18.03.2020, the appellant has inspected the record on 11.03.2020.

The appellant is absent nor has communicated whether he has received the information or not. It is presumed that the appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

No further course of action is required. The case is disposed off and closed.

Sd/(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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Sh Satinder Pal Singh, Office Adress # 890, Sector-70, 2nd Floor, Mohali

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Under Secretary, Estt-1, PSPCL, Focal Point, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Secretary, PSPCL, Focal Point, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3800 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Satinder Pal Singh as the Complainant on W/s

None for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 18.05.2019 has sought information regarding appointment of Kiranjeet Kaur d/o late Sh.Sukhdev Singh (Assistant Lineman) on compassionate ground vide letter memo No.7799 dated 15.09.2010 –documents submitted for appointment and other information concerning the office of Under Secretary, Estt-1, PSPCL, Focal Point, Ludhiana. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 26.06.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case last came for hearing on 18.02.2020. Both the parties were absent. The case was adjourned.

Hearing dated 24.06.2020:

The case has come up for hearing today through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The appellant claims that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent is absent.

Having gone through the file, the Commission observes that appellant has sought information on behalf of Ms.Kiranjit Kaur. However, there is nothing on record to establish that Ms.Kiranjit Kaur has authorized the appellant to pursue its case. The appellant is directed to produce an authorization from Ms.Kiranjit Kaur for pursuing the case on her hebalf.

The Commission further observes that there has been an enormous delay of more than one year in attending to the RTI application. The PIO is directed to provide the information and be present on the next of hearing alongwith the explanation for not attending to the RTI application within the time prescribed under the RTI Act.

The case is adjourned. To come up further hearing on **17.08.2020 at 01.00 PM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana.

Sd/Chandigarh (Khushwant Singh)
Dated: 24.06.2020 State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Harinder Kumar, S/o Lt Sh Shripal, R/o H No-3485, Street NO-14, Near Nav Gyan School, Goal Nagar, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Deputy Secretary, PSPCL, Patiala.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Chief Engineer, T.S. PSPCL, Patiala.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2567 of 2019

PRESENT: **Sh.**Harinder Kumar as the Appellant

Sh. Vikas Gupta Asstt Engineer PSPCL Patiala for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 02.04.2019 has sought information regarding complete file of pension case of Sh.Shri Pal, Sweeper who was working in PSPCL Sarapha Nagar, Ludhiana and expired on 24.07.2001 – details of salary paid to the sweeper from 01.4.2000 to 24.07.2001 and other information concerning the office of Deputy Secretary, PSPCL Patiala. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed a first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 08.05.2019 which took no decision on the appeal.

The case was first heard on 16.12.2019. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant vide letter dated 23.05.2019. The appellant was not satisfied with the information regarding points-1 & 4. The respondent provided information on point-4 during the hearing. The respondent informed that the information regarding point-1 relates to the pension department.

The Chief Accounts Officer(Pension), PSPCL-Patiala was impleaded in the case and directed to provide the information on point-1 to the appellant. The information be provided within 15 days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

The case was last heard on 21.01.2020. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent from the office of Chief Accounts Officer(Pension), PSPCL Patiala was absent. The PIO- Chief Accounts Officer(Pension), PSPCL Patiala was given one last opportunity to comply with the earlier order of the Commission and provide the information on point-1 to the appellant within 10 days. The PIO was also directed to be present on the next date of hearing with the explanation for not complying with the order of the Commission.

Appeal Case No. 2567 of 2019

Hearing dated 24.06.2020:

The respondent pleaded that the information regarding point-1 relates to the pension department. The appellant claims that the information that has been provided is incomplete and the PIO has not provided copy of complete pension file.

The PIO-O/o Chief Accounts Officer(Pension), is absent on 2nd consecutive hearing nor has complied with the order of the Commission. The Commission has taken a serious view of this and hereby directs the PIO- Chief Accounts Officer(Pension), PSPCL Ludhianato **show cause why penalty be not imposed on him under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 for not supplying the information within the statutorily prescribed period of time.** He/she should file an affidavit in this regard. If there are other persons responsible for the delay in providing the information, the PIO is directed to inform such persons of the show cause and direct them to appear before the Commission along with the written replies. The PIO is again directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days.

To come up for further hearing on **17.08.2020 at 01.00 PM** through video conference facility available in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana. The PIO- Chief Accounts Officer(Pension), PSPCL Patiala to appear at Chandigarh.

Chandigarh Dated 24.06.2020 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CC to PIO-O/o Chief Accounts Officer(Pension), PSPCL, Patiala.

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Sh Rohit Sabharwal Kundan Bhawan, 126, Model Gram. Ludhiana.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Chief Environment Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ludhiana.

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Sr. Environment Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office-1, Ludhiana.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 1664 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Shiva Khurmi, Advocate for the Respondent

ORDER: The case was first heard on 14.11.2019. The appellant was absent and vide email through his counsel informed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent submitted a reply of the PIO which was taken on the file of the Commission.

Having gone through the file, the Commission observed that there are two different replies of the PIO. In one reply which was sent on 25.02.2019, the PIO had mentioned that all large and medium industries which are covered under Hazardous wastes have submitted annual reports to the Board whereas in the 2nd reply which was sent on 25.03.2019, the PIO had mentioned that no separate record is being maintained and they are unable to provide the information. The Commission found the reply to be wishy-washy and directed the PIO to clarify and if such information exists on record, to provide the information.

The case was last heard on **21.01.2020.** The appellant was absent and vide letter received in the Commission on 17.01.2020 through his counsel, sent written submission.

The advocate representing the PIO submitted a reply of the PIO dated 20.01.2020 which was taken on the file of the Commission. The PIO in the reply has mentioned that the information sought by the appellant is not readily available and has asked for some more time. The plea was accepted and the PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant within 35 days of the issue of this order.

Hearing dated 24.06.2020:

The respondent present on behalf of the PIO pleaded that in compliance with the order of the Commission, the complete information has been supplied to the appellant vide letter dated 18.03.2020 and a copy of the same submitted to the Commission.

The appellant is absent nor has communicated any discrepancies. Having gone through the RTI application and the information supplied by the PIO, the Commission finds that the RTI has been sufficiently replied and no further course of action is required. A copy of the information is being attached with the order for the appellant.

The case is disposed off and closed.

Chandigarh
Dated 24.06.2020

Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Sh. Sandeep Kumar, B-34/6209, Shamsher Nagar, Jassian Road, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer.

O/o Director (Sports), State Sports Department & Sports Council, Pb, SCO-116-117, Sec-34-A, Chd

First Appellate Authority,

O/o Director (Sports), State Sports Department & Sports Council, Pb, SCO-116-117, Sec-34-A, Chd.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 3328 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Sandeep Kumar as the Appellant

Sh.Parveen Thakur and Sh.Kuldeep for the Respondent

ORDER:

The appellant through RTI application dated 29.03.2019 has sought information regarding treating the Sportmen(General) categories reserved vacancies in different departments of Punjab Government as unreserved in case eligible candidates not available as per rules 3(2) of Punjab Recruitment Rules 1988 and other information concerning the office of Director Sports, Punjab Chandigarh. The appellant was not provided the information after which the appellant filed first appeal before the First Appellate Authority on 10.04.2019. After filing first appeal, the PIO sent reply to the appellant vide letter dated 02.05.2019.

The case was last heard on 06.01.2020. The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant was not satisfied and informed that the PIO has not clarified about the permission/no objection certificate required to be obtained by the concerned departments/corporations.

Having gone through the information and hearing both the parties, the PIO was directed to give in writing that the policy of the Personnel Department is to be implemented by the respective departments and State Sports Department & Sports Council has nothing to do in the matter.

Hearing dated 24.06.2020:

The respondent present pleaded that the information has been provided to the appellant. The appellant has received the information.

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The appellant has however, informed that the Sports Department has provided the information with the delay of more than one year. The appellant has also submitted a request stating that the Department of Sports is not following the instructions of State Govt. regarding issue of NOC for filling up the unfilled posts from the General pools of the General Category. The appellant has requested for issue of instructions to the Govt of Punjab to rule out the requirement of NOC from the State Sports Department & Sports Council and Defense Welfare Department.

A copy of the request is enclosed with the order for PIO and for the Secretary Personnel, Govt of Punjab with the recommendation to consider the request of the appellant and remove the anomaly.

With the above observations, the case is **disposed off and closed.**

Chandigarh Dated 24.06.2020 Sd/(Khushwant Singh)
State Information Commissioner

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Sh Ramandeep Singh, Ward No-18, Street No-2, Kartar Nagar, Amloh Road, Khanna.

... Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o Punjab Energy Development Agency, Sector-33-D, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority, O/o Punjab Energy Development Agency, Sector-33-D, Chandigarh.

...Respondent

Appeal Case No. 2227 of 2019

PRESENT: Sh.Ramandeep Singh as the Appellant

Sh.N.P.Singh, Director PEDA for the for the Respondent

Sh.Bhupinder Singh for Sunlive Solar System

ORDER: The case was first heard on 04.11.2019. The respondent present pleaded that the since the information is 3rd party and the 3rd party has not given its consent to share their information, it cannot be provided. The appellant was absent and vide email sought exemption.

The 3rd party M/s Sunlive Solar System was impleaded in the case and directed to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing and plead its case otherwise it will be presumed that they have nothing to say in the matter and the decision will be taken on the merits of the case.

The case was last heard on **15.01.2020.** The respondent was absent. The 3rd party was also absent. One more opportunity was given to the 3rd party M/s Sunlive Solar System and directed to appear before the Commission to plead its case otherwise the decision will be taken in their absence.

Hearing dated 24.06.2020:

The representative appeared on behalf of M/s Sunlive Solar System pleaded that the information sought by Sh.Ramandeep Singh Ahluwalia is their confidential information and hence the appellant can misuse the information.

Hearing both the parties, the PIO is directed to provide copy of application form only. No financial details be provided regarding point-1. Regarding point-2, the name & designation of the officer be provided. If the information is not available, PIO to give in writing. The information be provided within 10 days.

With the above order, the case is **disposed off and closed.**

Chandigarh Dated 24.06.2020 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

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Smt.Gursimran kaur, R/o 836 MIG, PHB Colony, Jamalpur, Ludhiana.

....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer, O/o State Transport Commissioner, Pb, Chd.

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

...Respondent

Appellant Case No. 116 of 2019

PRESENT: None for the Appellant

Sh.Gurpal Singh -O/o , STC Pb for the Respondent

ORDER:

The case was first heard on **08.04.2019**. Since both the parties were absent, the case was adjourned.

The case was again heard on **12.06.2019**. The appellant claimed that the PIO has not supplied the information. The respondent present pleaded that since the information relates to the RTA Ferozepur, they have already transferred the RTI application to the PIO-RTA Ferozepur vide letter dated 30.08.2018. The PIO-Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur was impleaded in the case and directed to provide the information to the appellant as per the RTI application transferred by the STC Punjab on 30.08.2018. The PIO-RTA was also directed to explain the reasons for not attending to the RTI application well within the time prescribed under the RTI Act and appear before the Commission alongwith the explanation on an affidavit.

The case was further heard on **05.08.2019.** The appellant claimed that the PIO has not provided the information. The respondent present from the office of STC Punjab informed that they have already transferred the RTI application to the RTA-Ferozepur since the information relates to them.

The respondent from the office of RTA Ferozepur was absent nor had complied the order of the Commission. The PIO was issued a show cause under Section 20 of the RTI Act 2005 and directed to file an affidavit in this regard. The PIO was again directed to provide the information to the appellant within 10 days.

The case was again heard on **13.11.2019.** The counsel for the appellant informed that the PIO has not provided the information to the appellant. The respondent present informed that the RTA Ferozepur has not supplied the information. The PIO-STC Pb was directed to collect the information from the concerned office and provide to the appellant. The PIO was also directed to file reply to the show cause notice otherwise the Commission will be constrained to take action against the PIO under section 20 of the RTI Act.

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The case was again heard on **05.12.2019** The respondent present submitted reply of the PIO-RTA Ferozepur which was taken on the file of the Commission. The appellant was absent. Having gone through the reply of the PIO, the Commission found that the reply was misleading since the appellant had claimed for details regarding the penalty of Rs.15000/-imposed by State Information Commission on Sh Baldev Randhawa, Secretary, RTA Gurdaspur.

The PIO-RTA Ferozepur inspite of show cause, had chosen not to appear before the Commission. The PIO-RTA Ferozepur was given one last opportunity to appear before the Commission on the next date of hearing alongwith the reply to the show cause notice. The PIO was also directed to provide correct information to the appellant.

The case was last heard on **02.03.2020.** Sh.Tarlochan Singh, RTA Ferozepur iwas present and submitted his reply which was taken on the file of the Commission. However, the information had not been provided appropriately.

The PIO-RTA Ferozepur was directed to provide the correct information to the appellant within two days and send a compliance report to the Commission.

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The respondent present from the office of STC, Pb informed that the information has been provided by the RTA Ferozepur on 06.03.2020 and copy submitted to the Commission. The appellant is absent nor has communicated whether she has received the information or not. It is presumed that the appellant has received the information and is satisfied.

The plea taken by the PIO-RTA Ferozepur in his reply submitted at the last hearing is accepted and the show cause is dropped.

Since the information has been provided, no further course of action is required. The case is **disposed off and closed**.

Chandigarh Dated 24.06.2020 Sd/-(Khushwant Singh) State Information Commissioner

CC to :PIO-Regional Transport Authority, Ferozepur