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Sh. Manjinder Singh (9872015069)

2469, Sunny Enclave,
Sector 125, Kharar,
Distt. Mohali.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority.,
Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority.,
Hoshiarpur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3102 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

- (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Jatinder Singh, JA

ORDER:

1. Refer earlier order dated 16.3.2022 vide which inspection was fixed for 28.3.2022. The matter was adjourned to 6.7.2022 and further postponed to 24.8.2022.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that ambiguity with respect to supplied information has already been pointed but the same is to be removed.
4. After hearing in detail the appellant is advised once again to visit office of respondent on 30.8.2022 at 11.00 for inspection and the respondent is directed to be present on the fixed date and time and show the record with respect to RTI application and supply the exact information immediately on its identification, for which agrees both the parties.
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. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **12.10.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.
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Dated: 24.08.2022

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Sh. Sanjeev Goyal, (M: 9814197689)
S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar
148, Model Town, Phase- 1, Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o SHO, Police Station City Rampura,
District Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority
O/o IGP, Bathinda Range, Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4960 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant - Sh. Sanjeev Goyal is present.
Respondent: None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 30.07.2021 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 01.09.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.10.2021 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 06.07.2022 at 11.00 a.m. but it was postponed and the hearing was fixed for today i.e. 24.08.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. None is present from the department.
4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach the Respondent / PIO.
5. After going through the case file, I am of the view that respondent PIO is directed to supply the point-wise reply/information to the appellant within 15 days after receipt of this order. The concerned PIO is also directed to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively, failing which stern action will be initiated against him.
6. 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.
7. To come up on **12.10.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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148, Model Town, Phase- 1, Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o SHO, Police Station City Phul

District Bathinda

First Appellate Authority

O/o IGP, Bathinda Range, Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4961 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant - Sh. Sanjeev Goyal is present.

Respondent: None is present from the Department.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 30.07.2021 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 01.09.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 28.10.2021 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 06.07.2022 at 11.00 a.m. but it was postponed and the hearing was fixed for today i.e. 24.08.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him.
3. None is present from the department.
4. Commission takes a serious view of the casual approach the Respondent / PIO.
5. After going through the case file, I am of the view that respondent PIO is directed to supply the point-wise reply/information to the appellant within 15 days after receipt of this order. The concerned PIO is also directed to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively, failing which stern action will be initiated against him.
6. 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.
7. To come up on **12.10.2022 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. Sanjeev Goyal, (M: 9814197689)

S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar

148, Model Town, Phase- 1, Bathinda.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o MC, Bathinda.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, MC, Bathinda.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 2720 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant - Sh. Sanjeev Goyal is present.

Respondent: Sh. Deepak Mittal, DEO from office of MC, Bathinda
Sh. Gurmail Singh, Fire Officer from Fire Department and
Sh. Manga Singh, Clerk from office of MC, Bathinda are present from the
Department.

ORDER:

1. This case may be read with the reference of the previous order dated 12.04.2022 and further it was fixed for 06.07.2022 but it could not be heard and the hearing was fixed for today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that incomplete information has been supplied to him.
3. The DEO, Sh. Deepak Mittal states information relating to point number 7, 8, 9 and 11 pertains to their office and the same has been supplied to the Appellant.
4. After going through the case file and discussing with both the parties, appellant is directed to visit the concerned office on 25.08.2022 at 3 pm and collect the record as per his RTI after inspecting the same. If the Appellant would not visit then it would be presumed that he doesn't require the information anymore and the case would be decided on merits.
5. The PIO concerned and other officials are directed to be present at the concerned office during the time of inspection on the said date and time and if the inspection could not take place from the department's end then an action would be taken against the PIO concerned.
6. 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.
7. To come up on **12.10.2022 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. Yogesh Maini (M: 9988758800)

S/o Sh. Kapil Bhsushan Maini,
H. No. 678 / 1, Prem Nagar,
Shiv Mandir Road, Civil Lines, 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.: 4609 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

Appellant - Sh. Yogesh Maini is present.

Respondent: Sh. Sukhjinder Singh, PIO is present from the Department.

ORDER:

1. The RTI application is dated 11.08.2021 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 18.08.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 11.10.2021 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 06.07.2022 at 11.00 a.m. but it was postponed and the hearing was fixed for today i.e. 24.08.2022.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him till date.
3. The PIO, Sh. Sukhjinder Singh requests for an adjournment and assures that he would provide the information to the Appellant soon.
4. A final opportunity is given to the respondent PIO to supply the point-wise reply/information to the appellant within one week to the appellant after receipt of this order. He is also directed to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing positively, failing which stern action will be initiated against him.
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.
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Sh. Puneet Maheshwari (9517600243)

s/o Sh. Darshan Kumar
Ward No.6, Rama 151301.
Distt. Bathinda

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Nagar Council, Rama,
Distt. Bathinda

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 1225 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

- (i) Sh. Puneet Maheshwari, the appellant
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Sunil Kumar, Clerk (9646250016)

Order:

1. The RTI application is dated 22.7.2021 vide which the appellant has sought information as enumerated in his RTI application. Complaint was filed in the Commission on 14.10.2021 under Section 18 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (hereinafter RTI Act). Notice of hearing was issued to the parties for hearing through CISCO WEBEX on 6.7.2022, which was postponed and fixed for today i.e. 24.08.2022.
2. In today's hearing, both the parties are present.
3. The complainant states that he has not received the sought for information as per his RTI application, ever after depositing the requisite fee for sought for information.
4. The respondent requests the court for grant of adjournment as this is his new posting.
5. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, an opportunity is granted to the respondent PIO with the advice to provide the information to the complainant within 7 days from today, under intimation to the Commission. The complainant is also advised to point out ambiguity, if any, in the supplied information so that the same may be removed.
6. 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.
7. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **12.10.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.
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Sh. Gurdev Singh (8283888905)

s/o Sh. Gurbachan Singh,
2163, Tibbi Sahib Road,
Gaushala Street,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o G.M., Punjab Roadways,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

First Appellate Authority

O/o G.M., Punjab Roadways,
Sri Mukatsar Sahib.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 4314 of 2021

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

- (i) Appellant: Sh. Gurdev Singh
- (ii) For the respondent: Absent

Order:

1. The RTI application is dated 29.6.2021 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 31.7.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 22.9.2021 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 6.7.2022, but was postponed to 24.8.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing, the appellant is present but nobody appears on behalf of the respondent.
3. The appellant states that he has not received information in connection with point No.7 and 8.
4. After hearing the appellant in detail, the Commission directs the respondent PIO to supply the pending information to the appellant within 7 days from the receipt of this order. He is also directed to appear in person on the next date of hearing, failing which action as per RTI rules shall be initiated.
5. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **18.10.2022 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. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha(9814228629)

30, Banda Bahadur Nagar,
Jalandhar

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o MC, Jalandhar

First Appellate Authority

O/o Commissioner, MC, Jalandhar

Respondent

Appeal case No.: 859 of 2022

Hearing through CISCO Webex

Present:

(i) Appellant: Sh. Ravinder Pal Singh Chadha

(ii) For the respondent: Absent

Order:

1. The RTI application is dated 7.5.2021 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 5.7.2021 and second appeal was filed in the Commission on 15.02.2022 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 6.7.2022, but was postponed to 24.8.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is present and the respondent is absent.
3. The appellant states that sufficient time has elapsed but the information has not been provided by the respondent.
4. The respondent is absent inspite of written registered notices and telephonic intimation to him by the undersigned Bench.
5. In view of the above, the court grants an opportunity to the respondent to present the case on the next date of hearing, with the direction to supply the information to the appellant under intimation to the Commission within 7 days on receipt of this order.
6. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **18.10.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post. (Steps to use CISCO WEBEX: Install CISCO Webex->Click on Join Meeting->Enter Meeting Number 1582933632).

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Sh. Prem Kumar (9815591032)

261/W-11, Kartar Niwas,
Gurdaspur Road, Tehsil Batala,
Distt. Gurdaspur

Appellant

Versus

(i) **Public Information Officer**
O/o Secy, Finance, Department of Finance
Expenditure Branch-3, Pb.,
Punjab Civil Sectt., Chandigarh

(ii) **Public Information Officer**
O/o Rural Dev. & Panchayat Pb.,
Mohali

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 395 of 2020
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: (i) Sh. Prem Kumar - Absent
(ii) For the respondent: Ms. Rajinder Kaur, FD-(Exp-3)
Sh. Shamsheer Singh, Superintendent
Sh. Gursharan Singh, SA

ORDER

1. This order may be read with the reference of previous order dated 19.4.2022 vide which respondent, Sh. Sarvhitkar Singh intimated the Commission that file related with point no. 1 of the RTI application was not traceable and a search for the same is going on. Respondent PIO was directed to supply the requisite information in connection with point no. 1 to the appellant. The matter was adjourned for further hearing on 6.7.2022 but the hearing was further postponed to 24.8.2022 i.e. today.
2. In today's hearing the appellant is absent. The respondents are present for the hearing.
3. The respondents state that the concerned file is not traceable and the newly created file in this regard had already been sent to the higher authorities. They add that, after receiving file back, information will be provided to the appellant. A reply in this regard had also been sent to the appellant and Commission dated 13.06.2022 (letter no. 4048-49), which is received in the Commission vide diary no. 12818 dated 15.06.2022 and taken on record.
4. After hearing both the parties and examining the case file, respondent PIO is directed to supply the information immediately, once file is received from the higher authorities, so that case could not be linger on.
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 **18.10.2022 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 (M:98142-30616)

S/o Sh. Harbans Lal,
H. No. B- 3/ 287, Romana Street, Jaiton,
District Faridkot.

Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o ADGP (Crime), Punjab, Chandigarh.

(Regd. Post) First Appellate Authority (By Name)

O/o DGP (Crime), Punjab,
Chandigarh.

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 318 of 2021

Through CISCO WEBEX

Present: Appellant - Sh. Lajpat Rai is present.

Respondent: Sh. Bhoora Ali, Head Constable is present from the Department.

ORDER:

1. This case was last heard on 14.10.2021 and was adjourned for 27.04.2022 but postponed and was fixed for 06.07.2022 but it was again postponed and fixed for today.
2. In today's hearing, appellant states that no information has been supplied to him till date.
3. The HC, Sh. Bhoora Ali assures that the information would be supplied to the appellant soon.
4. In view of the foregoing, respondent PIO, O/o ADGP (Crime), Punjab, Chandigarh 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.
5. 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.
6. A copy of this order be also sent to the First Appellate Authority i.e. the DGP (Crime), Punjab, Chandigarh for the compliance of this order and to look into the matter as RTI Act, 2005 came into existence to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, not for the harassment of the public.

Appeal Case No.: 318 of 2021
Through CISCO WEBEX

7. Respondent PIO is directed to represent this case in person on the next date of hearing at Punjab State Information Commission, Chandigarh on 20.10.2022 at 11:00 A.M.
8. Appellant is on liberty either to attend hearing at Commission's office or through CISCO WEBEX (Meeting No. 1582933632).
9. Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

Sh. Rajinder Kumar (9646380671)

S/o Sh. Mehar Chand,
Ward No. 2, Supreme Enclave,
Near Vishkarama Bhawan,
Link Road, Mansa 151505.

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o EO, MC, Sardulgarh

First Appellate Authority

O/o Regional Dy. Director,
Local Govt., Bathinda

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 1370 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

(i) Appellant: Sh. Rajinder Kumar

(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Balbir Singh, Clerk(9915861126)

Order:

1. Refer earlier order dated 26.5.2022 vide which the respondent was directed to supply the information the information immediately and reply to show cause notice served to the respondent. The matter was adjourned to 6.7.2022 and further postponed to 24.8.2022.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The respondent states that the information has already been supplied to the appellant.
4. The appellant states that the information received with regard to cash book is not attested properly and information at point No.2 not legible.
5. The court after hearing both the parties, directs the respondent to supply the attested copies of cash book and clear print of point No.2. He is also directed to submit reply to the show cause notice within a week's time failing which penalty shall be imposed on the respondent PIO.
6. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **12.10.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.
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Ms. Manjit Kaur d/o, (9357271895)

Sh. Bal Krishan,
R/o Bhadson, Tehsil Nabha,
Distt. Patiala

Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/O Rayat Bahra Group of Institute,
Patiala

Respondent

Complaint Case No.: 906 of 2020
Through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

- (i) Complainant: Ms. Manjit Singh
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Amandeep Singh, HR, PA (9876015472)

ORDER

1. Refer earlier order dated 12.05.2022 vide which the respondent PIO, Sh. Pritam Singh Johal was directed to appear in person along with the PIO from other department concerned and the matter was adjourned to 06.07.2022 which was postponed to 24.8.2022.
2. In today's hearing all the parties are present.
3. The respondent states the sought for information has already been supplied to the complainant by registered post.
4. The complainant denies receipt of the same.
5. The court after hearing both the parties advises the complainant for visit the office of the respondent on 29.8.2022 at 11.00 a.m and the respondent shall ensure his presence for showcasing the record and co-operate her in getting the exact information. He is also advised to reply to the show cause dated 12.5.2022 within 7 days from the receipt of this order.
6. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **18.10.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties.

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Appellant

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O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority.,
Hoshiarpur

First Appellate Authority

O/o Secy., Regional Transport Authority.,
Hoshiarpur

Respondent

Appeal Case No.: 3103 of 2021
Hearing through CISCO WEBEX

Present:

- (i) Appellant: Sh. Manjinder Singh
(ii) For the respondent: Sh. Jatinder Singh, JA

ORDER

1. Refer earlier order dated 16.3.2022 vide which inspection was fixed 28.3.2022. The matter was adjourned to 6.7.2022 and further postponed to 24.8.2022.
2. In today's hearing both the parties are present.
3. The appellant states that ambiguity with respect to supplied information has already been pointed but the same is to be removed.
4. After hearing in detail the appellant is advised once again to visit office of respondent on 30.8.2022 at 11.00 for inspection and the respondent is directed to be present on the fixed date and time and show the record with respect to RTI application and supply the exact information immediately on its identification, for which agrees both the parties.
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. Matter is adjourned for further hearing on **12.10.2022 at 11:00 A.M. through CISCO-Webex** (Video Conferencing application). Copy of the order be sent to the parties through registered post.

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Dated: 24.08.2022

(Anumit Singh Sodhi)
State Information Commissioner
Punjab