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Shri Sunil Dutt Sharma,
R/o H.No.601, Phase-I,
SAS Nagar (Mohali)..

.....Appellant

Versus+

Public Information Officer

O/o Technical Education &
Industrial Training Deptt..(IT Wing)
Sector-36, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Technical Education &
Industrial Training Deptt..(IT Wing)
Sector-36, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.911 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Sunil Dutt Sharma, Appellant in person at Chandigarh.**
(ii) **Shri Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director, O/o Director, Technical Education & Industrial Training, Punjab/PIO, in person before the Bench at Chandigarh.**

ORDER

Heard in Person at Chandigarh

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Mohali. However, since both the appellant and the PIO instead of attending the hearing through V.C., have come present in person to attend the hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh, physical hearing of the case was done.
3. Shri Sunil Dutt Sharma, appellant comes present and states that he has received the entire information to his satisfaction as well as the affidavit. He, however, states that he has not received the compensation amount.
4. Shri Rupinder Singh, Deputy Director, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab/PIO comes present in person before the Bench at Chandigarh. On the asking of the Bench, the PIO hands over the Bankers Cheque for Rs.3000/- to the appellant during the hearing. He also produces before Bench letter dated 24.08.2020 stating therein

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compensation to the appellant as also for having sent the original affidavit to the appellant vide letter dated 18.08.2020.

5. Since the complete information as well as the compensation amount stand provided to the appellant to his satisfaction, no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The appeal case is disposed of and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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

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Shri Chanchal Singh Bal
H.No.172, Sector-70,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Punjab Subordinate Services
Selection Board, Van Bhawan,
Sector-68, SAS Nagar(Mohali)

First Appellate Authority-cum-
Punjab Subordinate Services
Selection Board, Van Bhawan,
Sector-68, SAS Nagar(Mohali)

...Respondents

AC No.357/2020

Present: **None.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.07.2020 passed by this Bench on the last date of hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Mohali. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the hearing in the subject case could not be held.
3. In view of the above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Mohali. Copies of the order be sent to the parties concerned.**

Chandigarh
25.08.2020

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Shri Lal Chand S/o Sh.Rikhi Singh
H.No.59, Royal Residency, Sec-127
(Behind Alivista Smart Homes)
Chhajju Majra, S.A.S. Nagar, (Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Punjab State Power Corpn. Ltd,
Sub Division, Kharar, Distt.Mohali

First Appellate Authority-cum-

O/o Punjab State Power Corpn. Ltd,
Sub Division, Kharar, Distt.Mohali

....Respondents

AC No.4059 of 2019

Present: None.

ORDER

Contacted through Mobile Phone

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.07.2020 passed by the Bench on the last date of hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Mohali. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case was heard through mobile phone.
3. Shri Lal Chand, appellant is contacted through mobile phone. He states that he has received the information vide letter dated 30.06.2020 along with affidavit dated 29.06.2020. He further states that he is not fully satisfied with the information supplied. On enquiring from him as to whether he visited the office of PIO, he replies in negative.
4. Shri Amardeep Singh, Additional S.E./APIO who was present during the previous hearing could not be contacted for want of any contact number.

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AC No.4059/2019

5. The Bench peruses the case file and examines the information supplied as well as the affidavit given by the PIO.. The Bench finds that the appellant has been provided information adequately and the affidavit is in order.

6. In view of the above, the Bench feels that no further cause of action is left in the matter. **The appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the 4-5concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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Shri H.S. Hundal, Advocate
#203, Judicial Courts,
Sector-76, Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.621 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri H.S. Hundal, Appellant in person at Chandigarh.**
(ii) **None.**

ORDER:

Contacted on Mobile Phone

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 01.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Patiala. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case was heard through mobile phone.
3. The Appellant Shri H.S. Hundal has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has been supplied partial information as the information regarding Point No.2 & 8 of his RTI application is still pending.
4. Shri Sham Lal, PIO is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the information regarding Point No.2 & 8 has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 24.08.2020 and further states that the appellant has been informed to get information regarding point no.8 from the website of Punjab State Information Commission being RTI related query.

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AC No.621/2020

5. The Bench, after hearing the version put forth by the PIO and the appellant, directs the PIO to send another copy of the information to the appellant and also file an affidavit, within next 48 hours, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the entire information in AC No.621 of 2020, as available in the official records has been supplied to the appellant. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement made is correct and authentic. The original copy be sent to the appellant with a copy thereof to the Commission before next date of hearing, failing which penalty shall be imposed

6. With the aforesaid directions, **the appeal case is disposed off and closed.**
Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

Sd/-
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Shri H.S. Hundal, Advocate
#203, Judicial Courts,
Sector-76, Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-

State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.622 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri H.S. Hundal, Appellant is present in person at Chandigarh.
(ii) None.

ORDER:

Contacted through Mobile Phone

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Patiala. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case was heard through mobile phone.
3. The Appellant Shri H.S. Hundal has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has been supplied partial information and the information regarding some of the Points is still pending.
4. Shri Sham Lal, PIO is contacted on mobile phone. He is also made to talk to the appellant who apprises him of the deficient information. He is directed to supply the balance information as pointed out by the appellant.

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AC No.622/2020

5. The Bench advises the PIO to address the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant before the next hearing. The Bench also directs the PIO to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the entire information in AC No.622 of 2020, as available in the official records has been supplied to the appellant. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement made is correct and authentic. The original copy be sent to the appellant with a copy thereof to the Commission before next date of hearing, failing which penalty shall be imposed

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Patiala.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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Shri H.S. Hundal, Advocate
#203, Judicial Courts,
Sector-76, Mohali.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority-cum-
State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.867 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri H.S. Hundal, Appellant is present in person at Chandigarh.
(ii) None.

ORDER:

Contacted on Mobile Phone

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Patiala. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case was heard through mobile phone.
3. The Appellant Shri H.S. Hundal has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has been supplied partial information and the information regarding some Points of his RTI application is still pending..
4. Shri Sham Lal, PIO is contacted on mobile phone. He is also made to talk to the appellant who appraises him of the deficient information. He is directed to supply the balance information as pointed out by the appellant.

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AC No.867/2020

5. The Bench advises the PIO to address the deficiencies pointed out by the appellant before the next hearing. The Bench also directs the PIO to file an affidavit, before the next hearing, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the entire information in AC No.867 of 2020, as available in the official records has been supplied to the appellant. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement made is correct and authentic. The original copy be sent to the appellant with a copy thereof to the Commission before next date of hearing, failing which penalty shall be imposed

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Patiala.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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Shri Amar Singh,
H.No. HE-8, Phase-5,
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

Public Information Officer

O/o Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority,
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority-cum-

State Transport Commissioner,
Punjab, Sector-17C, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.613 of 2020

Present: (i) Shri Amar Singh, appellant is present in person at Chandigarh.
(ii) None.

ORDER: **Contacted through Mobile Phone**

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Patiala. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case was heard through mobile phone.
3. The Appellant Shri Amar Singh has come present to attend the hearing in person before the Bench. He states that he has visited thrice the office of PIO to inspect the official records so as to identify the information sought by him. But his visits did not yield any result, as he has not been supplied any information on one pretext or the other..

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AC No.613/2020

4. Shri Sham Lal, PIO is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the the information has been sent to the appellant vide letter dated 17.08.2020. He states that regarding point No.1 & 2 of RTI application, the record has been transferred to R.T.A. Mohali; regarding Information on Point No.3, the appellant has been supplied copy of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 26.09.2018; regarding information on Point No.4, the appellant has been asked to contact State Transport Authority, Chandigarh and obtain the details. The PIO is made to talk to the appellant to apprise him of the information supplied. The PIO explains the entire case to the appellant.

5. The Bench peruses the case file and observes that the RTI application is dated 03.10.2019 and First Appeal is dated 13.01.2010. The PIO has not acted bona fide for about ten months though it is incumbent upon him to transfer the said RTI application of the appellant under relevant provisions of RTI Act, 2005, to the PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Mohali, on points relating to him. The inaction in the matter on the part of PIO for such a long period is viewed adversely. The PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Patiala is issued show cause notice to explain as to why action should not be taken against him and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for delayed supply of information to the appellant and also for not complying with the directions of the Commission. He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

6. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceeding against him ex-parte.

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AC No.613/2020

7. The Public Information Officer O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) is impleaded as respondent in the instant case and a copy of the RTI application is sent to him. He is directed to supply the requisite information on Point No.1 & 2 to the appellant before the next date of hearing.

8. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of DC Patiala.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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

Copy to (By Regd. Post):

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- 2. Public Information Officer O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali.**

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Shri Amarjit Singh,
#3086, Near City Thane,
Rajpura Town,
Distt.Patiala.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Patiala.

First Appellate Authority

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

....Respondents

AC No.1058 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Shakti Paul Sharma, Advocate for the Appellant before the Bench at Chandigarh.**
(ii) **None.**

ORDER:

Contacted through mobile phone

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Patiala. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case was heard through mobile phone.
3. Shri Shakti Paul Sharma, Advocate, comes present in person before the Bench in Commission's office at Chandigarh on behalf of the appellant Shri Amarjit Singh. He states that the information has not been received from the PIO after the discrepancies in the information supplied were pointed out to the PIO.

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AC No.1058/2020

4. Shri Sham Lal, PIO is contacted on telephone. He states that affidavit has been sent to the appellant on 24.08.2020. He is made to talk to Shri Shakti Paul Sharma, the Counsel appearing on behalf of the appellant. The PIO apprised the counsel for the appellant of the affidavit as also the information sent. Shri Shakti Paul insisted on removal of discrepancies pointed out.

5. Post discussions with the PIO and the counsel for the appellant, the Bench directs the PIO to supply complete information to the appellant after addressing the shortcomings pointed out by the appellant as also the affidavit by registered post before the next hearing.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of DC Patiala.** Copies of order be given to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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Shri Trilochan Singh,
H.No.848A, MIG Jamalpur Colony,
Ludhiana, Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o The Secretary
Regional Transport Authority,
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

First Appellate Authority

O/o The Secretary
Regional Transport Authority,
SAS Nagar (Mohali).

....Respondents

AC No.953 of 2020

Present: None.

ORDER

Heard through Mobile Phone

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case could not be heard through V.C.
3. The appellant has been absent for the hearing on the previous two occasions and could not be contacted on mobile today also.
4. An intimation has been received from the PIO O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, SAS Nagar (Mohali) that due to COVID-19, O/o RTA Mohali is closed and as such, no one can appear for the hearing. Shri Dharminder Singh, Steno O/o Secretary, RTA Mohali who attend the previous hearing, is contacted on mobile phone. He states that the appellant had not visited their office in spite of repeated requests to inspect the

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AC No.953/2020

official records and as such, the information was sent to the appellant vide letter dated 08.06.2020. He further states that the appellant has not pointed out any shortcomings in the information supplied so far.

5. The PIO is directed to file an affidavit before within two weeks, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public, to the effect that complete information has been supplied to the Appellant in AC No.953/2020. No other information beyond that is available in the official records and nothing has been concealed therein. The statement is correct and authentic. The original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and a photocopy thereof be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the above directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in DC Office, Ludhiana.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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Shri Trilochan Singh,
H.No.848A, MIG Jamalpur Colony,
Ludhiana, Distt.Ludhiana.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Director, State Transport, Pb.
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

First Appellate Authority

O/o Director, State Transport, Pb.
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

....Respondents

AC No.646 of 2020

Present: (i) Appellant - absent.
(ii) Shri Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent, O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh/ PIO, in person at Chandigarh.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ludhiana. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case could not be heard through V.C..
3. The appellant has been absent for the hearing on the previous two hearings and could not be contacted on mobile either.
4. Shri Kuldeep Singh, Superintendent O/o Director, State Transport, Punjab, Chandigarh/PIO comes present in the Commission. He states that the appellant had been sent the requisite para-wise information vide letter dated 13.03.2020. He further states that the appellant has not reverted back to convey any shortcomings in the information supplied. The PIO also submits reply to the show cause notice as well as the affidavit in compliance with the directions given on the previous hearing.

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AC No.646/2020

5. The Bench drops the show cause notice issued to the PIO. The Bench, however, observes that the PIO has submitted original copy of affidavit before the Bench which was to be supplied to the appellant.

6. In view of the above, the Bench feels that the information stands supplied to the appellant adequately. No further action in the matter is called for. **The appeal case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant along with order and photocopy thereof be retained for record.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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

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Shri Kashmir Singh Bhinder,
S/o Sh.Katrar Singh
R/o H.No.2414, Phase-11,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer,
Dharamkot at Kot Issue Khan,
District Moga.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer, Moga.

...Respondents

AC No.1050/2020 along with
AC No.1051/2020 &
AC No.1057/2020

Present: (i) Appellant - absent.
(ii) None on behalf of PIO.

ORDER:

Heard on Mobile Phone

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Moga. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case was heard through mobile phone.
3. Shri Kashmir Singh Bhinder, Appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has not been provide any information in spite of his visits to the office of PIO thrice.
4. Repeated attempts were made to contract Shri Jagdeep Singh, APO O/o BDPO Dharmakot at Kot Isse Khan who attended the previous hearing, but his mobile phone was switched off.

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AC No.1050/2020, 1051/2020 & 1057/2020

5. The Bench takes serious note of the failure of the PIO to provide information to the appellant in spite of his visits to his office. The Bench, on perusing the case file, also observes that on the previous hearing, the PIO was directed to file an affidavit after providing the complete information to the appellant. The PIO is again directed to comply with the directions of the Commission before the next date of hearing. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the above directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. at DC Office, Moga.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties concerned.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

**Sd/-
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Shri Kashmir Singh Bhinder, PPS(Retd.)
S/o Sh.Katrar Singh
R/o H.No.2414, Phase-11,
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Block Development and
Panchayat Officer,
Dharamkot at Kot Isse Khan,
District Moga.

First Appellate Authority,
O/o District Development and
Panchayat Officer, Moga.

...Respondents

AC No.4406/2020 along with
AC No.4407/2020 &
AC No.4408/2020

Present: (i) Appellant - absent.
(ii) None on behalf of PIO.

ORDER:

Heard on Mobile Phone

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 14.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Moga. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case was heard through mobile phone.
3. Shri Kashmir Singh Bhinder, Appellant is contacted on mobile phone. He states that he has not been provide any information in spite of his visits to the office of PIO thrice.
4. Repeated attempts were made to contract Shri Jagdeep Singh, APO O/o BDPO Dharmakot at Kot Isse Khan who attended the previous hearing, but his mobile phone was switched off.

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AC No.4406/2019, 4407/2019 & 4408/2019

5. The Bench takes serious note of the failure of the PIO to provide information to the appellant in spite of his visits to his office. Further, the Bench, on perusing the case file, also observes that on the previous hearing, the PIO was directed to file an affidavit after providing the complete information to the appellant. The PIO is again directed to comply with the directions of the Commission before the next date of hearing. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the appellant and photocopy be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the above directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. at DC Office, Moga.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties concerned.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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Shri H.S. Hundal, Advocate
203, Judicial Courts,
Sector-76, SAS Nagar(Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Faridkot.

First Appellate Authority-cum-,
State Transport Commissioner, Pb.
Sector-17B, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

AC No.4192/2019

Present: (i) **Shri H.S. Hundal, Appellant in person at Chandigarh.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 13.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Faridkot. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case could not be heard through V.C.
3. Shri H.S. Hundal, Appellant comes present in person to attend the hearing before the Bench at Chandigarh. He states that as per directions of the Commission on the previous hearing, he has not been called by the PIO, even on writing to them repeatedly to call him for inspection.
4. The PIO could not be contacted to know his version for not calling the appellant and for not supplying the information to the appellant.
5. The Bench, on perusing the case file, finds that the PIO was directed to provide the information to the appellant after calling him to his office as also to file an affidavit to this effect, but he has failed to comply with the direction of the Commission.

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AC No.4192/2019

6. The PIO, O/o Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, Faridkot is issued show cause notice to explain as to why action should not be taken against him for not complying with the directions of Commission and also as to why penalty should not be imposed in the instant case for non supply of information to the appellant He is also directed to file a written reply to the show cause notice as to why the appellant should not be compensated for the mental harassment suffered by him in getting the information.

7. In addition to the written reply, PIO is hereby given an opportunity u/s 20(1) proviso thereto for a personal hearing before the imposition of such a penalty, on the next date of hearing. He may take note that in case he does not file the written reply and does not avail himself of the opportunity of personal hearing on the next date fixed, it will be presumed that he has nothing to say and the Commission shall proceed to take further proceeding against him ex-parte.

8. The PIO is again directed to call the appellant for inspection of records and provide the information to the appellant as may be identified by the appellant after inspection of official records. He is again directed to file an affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public before the next date of hearing to the effect that the information in Appeal Case No. 4192/2019 as available in the official records, has been supplied to the appellant and no other information beyond that is available. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement is correct and authentic. The PIO is directed to send original copy of affidavit to the appellant and a photocopy thereof to the Commission for records.

9. With the above directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. at DC Office, Faridkot.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties concerned.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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Shri Ravi Kumar
S/o Shri Dharminder Kumar
R/o House .No.107,
Near Santpur Gurdwara Sahib.
Patiala Gate, Sangrur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Regional Transport Authority,
Sangrur.

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

...Respondents

AC No.858/2020

Present: None.

ORDER

Contacted through Mobile Phone

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 08.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Sangrur. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case was heard through mobile phone.
3. Shri Ravi Kumar, Appellant made a telephonic call to inform that as per directions of the Commission, he has neither been called by the PIO to his office for inspection of records nor any information has been supplied to him.
4. The PIO O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Sangrur could not be contacted on phone to know his version for not calling the appellant for inspection and for not supplying the information to the appellant.
5. The Bench observes that on the previous hearing, the PIO was issued show cause notice but no reply has been filed by the PIO to the show cause notice.
6. The PIO is again directed to call the appellant to his office on any working day prior to next hearing and allow him to inspect the official records and identify the

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documents as per his RTI application. The PIO is directed to supply the information to appellant as may be identified by him and also to share the link of the official website with the appellant as also to provide the hard copy of the information. The PIO is also directed to file reply to the show cause notice before the next date of hearing.

6. With the above directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Sangrur.** Copies of the orders be sent to the parties concerned.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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Shri Manjinder Singh
R/o #2469, Sunny Enclave
Sector-125, Kharar,
District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

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

First Appellate Authority

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

....Respondents

AC No.655 of 2020

Present: (i) **Shri Manjinder Singh, Appellant in person before the Bench.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO**

ORDER

Contacted through Mobile phone.

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 08.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Ferozpur. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case was heard through mobile phone.
3. Shri Manjinder Singh, appellant comes in person before the Bench at Chandigarh. He states that he sent an e.mail on 19.08.2020 to the PIO informing him that he will visit on 20.08.2020 to inspect the official records. He sent his representative on 20.08.2020 for the purpose, but no inspection was got done by the PIO.
4. Shri Sukhjinder Singh, Clerk O/o Secretary, R.T.A. Ferozpur, representative of the PIO is contacted on mobile phone. He is apprised of the version of the appellant for not getting the inspection of official record done and non-compliance of the directions given by the Commission.

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AC No.655/2020

5. Post deliberations with the representative of PIO Shri Sukhjinder Singh, the Bench decides that the appellant will visit the office of PIO on 27.08.2020 at 11.30 AM. The appellant, after inspection of the official records, will identify the information he requires. The PIO will ensure that the information so identified is provided to the appellant.

6. The PIO is also directed to file an affidavit duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public before the next date of hearing to the effect that the information in Appeal Case No.655/2020 as available in the official records, has been supplied to the appellant and no other information beyond that is available. Nothing has been concealed therein. The statement is correct and authentic. The PIO is directed to send original copy of affidavit to the appellant and a photocopy thereof to the Commission for records.

7. With the above directions, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. at DC Office, Ferozpur.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties concerned.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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Shri Tilak Raj, Retd. Lecturer ,
Village Tanda Churian,
PO Chanour, Tehsil Mukerian
District Hoshiarpur.

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o District Education Officer(SE),
Mini Secretariat, Hoshiarpur.

....Respondent

CC No.961 of 2019

Present: (i) **Complainant - absent.**
(ii) **None on behalf of the PIO.**

ORDER

Contacted through Mobile Phone.

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 08.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Hoshiarpur. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case was heard through mobile phone.
3. The complainant, Shri Tilak Raj is contacted on mobile phone and apprised of the information supplied by the PIO O/o DEO(SE), Hoshiarpur vide letter dated 28.07.2020. He states that partial information has been supplied to him as he has not been provided the result statements of the classes taught by him..
4. The Principal, Govt. Senior Secondary School, Sector-1, Talwara, District Hoshiarpur is contacted on mobile phone to enquire about the instant Complaint Case. She, however, connects to Shri Jaspal Singh, Lecturer/APIO. He is apprised of the statement of the complainant. He states that the complainant had retired in October, 2014. The subjects taught by him were assigned to another teacher in whose name the results were shown. Thus, the documents other than the result statement stand supplied.

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CC No.961/2020

5. The PIO, O/o District Information Officer (Sec.Edu.), Hoshiarpur, post deliberations, is directed to file an affidavit, within two weeks, duly signed by the PIO and attested by the Notary Public to the effect that the entire information, as available in official records in CC No.961/2020, has been given to the complainant and that the subjects of the classes taught by him, after his retirement, were assigned to another teacher in whose name the related results have been shown. Nothing beyond information given is available in official records as the complainant had retired in October, 2014. The statement made is correct and authentic. Original copy of affidavit be sent to the complainant and photocopy of the same be sent to the Commission for record.

6. With the above directions, **the appeal is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the parties concerned.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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Shri Sanjeev Thakur
Village Gudha Khurd,
PO Madhopur Cantt.
Mohalla Rajput Nagar,
Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer

O/o Assistant Excise & Taxation
Commissioner, Pathankot.

First Appellate Authority-cum-,

Divisional Excise & Taxation
Commissioner, Pathankot.

...Respondents

AC No.4094/2019

Present: None.

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 07.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Pathankot. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case could not be heard through V.C..
3. The appellant has sent letter dated 21.07.2020 stating therein that though he has received information sent by the PIO vide letter dated 24.06.2020, but the same is incomplete and it is not as per his RTI application.
4. Since the version of the PIO regarding the statement of appellant made as per his letter dated 21.07.2020, cannot be ascertained due to the reason stated above, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Pathankot.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

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Shri Raj Kumar
H.No.72, Golden Avenue,
Mugrala Road, Dinanagar,
District Gurdaspur..

.....Complainant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o Principal,
Shanti Devi Arya Mahila College,
Dinanagar, District Gurdaspur.

...Respondents

CC No.81/2020

Present: **None**

ORDER

Heard through Mobile Phone

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 08.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Gurdaspur. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case was heard through mobile phone.
3. The Bench, on perusing the file, finds that the information has been supplied to the complainant by the PIO vide letter dated 14.07.2020 and further observes that the penalty imposed on the PIO has also been deposited by e-challan as intimated vide letter dated 20.08.2020 and as such, the directions of Commission stand complied with.
4. To ascertain the receipt of information, the complainant is contacted on mobile phone. The complainant admits having received the information to his satisfaction and gives his consent to close the case.

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CC No.81/2020

5. In view of the above, no further action in the matter is called for. **The complaint case is disposed off and closed.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

**Sd/-
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State Information Commissioner, Punjab**

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Shri Ravi Kant S/o Shri Sansari Lal
R/o Krishna Bazar, Ward No.4,
Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur.

.....Appellant

Versus

Public Information Officer
O/o The Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Dhariwal,
District Gurdaspur.

First Appellate Authority
O/o Deputy Commissioner,
Gurdaspur.

...Respondents

AC No.687/2020

Present: (i) **Appellant- absent**
(ii) **Shri Sunil Kumar Panday, on behalf of Executive Officer, M.C. Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur/ PIO, in person at Chandigarh.**

ORDER

1. This order may be read with reference to the order dated 08.07.2020 passed on the previous hearing.
2. The case was scheduled to be heard today through Video Conferencing facility in the office of D.C. Gurdaspur. However, due to landline and internet services being non-functional in the Punjab State Information Commission, the subject case could not be heard through V.C.
3. The appellant has sent a letter dated 20.08.2020 stating therein that he has not been provided information nor he has been shown the record for inspection in spite of his repeated requests.
4. Shri Sunil Panday, Advocate comes present in person, on behalf of PIO/Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dhariwal, District Gurdaspur. He prays for another date to comply with the directions of Commission.

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AC No.687/2020

6. Acceding to the request of the representative of the PIO, the matter is adjourned. **To come up for hearing on 20.10.2020 at 11.30 AM through V.C. in the office of D.C. Gurdaspur.** Copies of the order be sent to the concerned parties.

**Chandigarh
25.08.2020**

Sd/-
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